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Dmitry Markov's interest in coin collecting goes back to 1972. In 1985 he graduated from the History Department of the Kiev State University (Ukraine) and received his M.A. for the thesis - *"Monetary Circulation in Ancient Russia (8th to 13th cent. A.D.)"*. His broad interests in numismatics include Russia, Ancient Coinage especially those of the Northern Black Sea area, as well as Islamic Central Asia and Caucasus. He has published a number of research articles in these fields.

After coming to the U.S. in 1990, Dmitry Markov founded "Dmitry Markov Coins & Medals," a well-known leading firm dealing. Dmitry Markov's continuing research on Russian, Ancient and Islamic coinage makes an invaluable addition to his very extensive auction catalogs. He issued over 40 illustrated reference catalogues, as well as many other fixed price lists.

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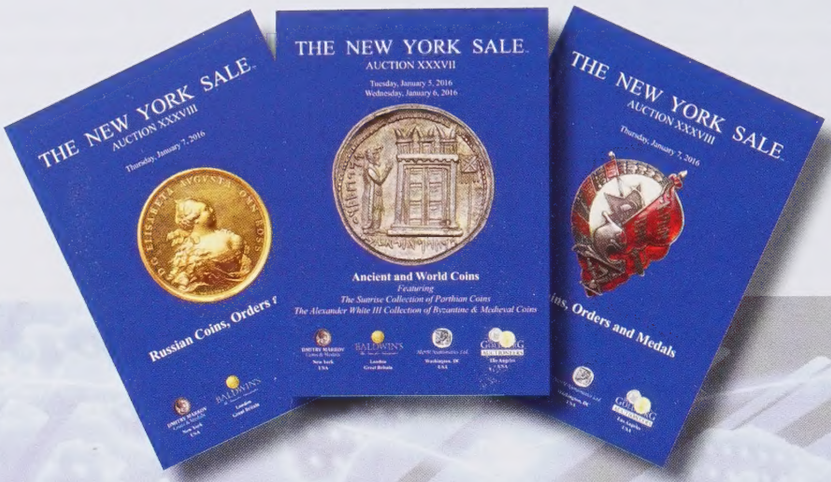

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ANCIENT COINS

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THE HISTORY OF THE PARTHIANS 247 BC - AD 224/227

by G. R. F. Assar

When, on his flight from the advancing Macedonian army, Darius III was assassinated in June 330 BC near the Parthian village of Thara, the World Empire that Cyrus the Great had founded over two centuries earlier came to an end. Alexander the Great spent the next four years pacifying the eastern Achaemenid satrapies and then returned to Babylon after his army refused to venture further east. It was at Babylon that years of excessive feasting and immoderate drinking finally caught up with Alexander and precipitated his demise on 11 June 323 BC. We are told that when asked on his deathbed to whom he had bequeathed his possessions, Alexander replied: *to the strongest!*

Because Alexander died heirless, his generals appointed as their nominal leader Philip Arrhidaeus, Alexander's mad half-brother. They then divided his vast empire and fought each other for a larger share of the spoils.

One of the Macedonian commanders was Seleucus who ultimately prevailed at Babylon in late spring 311 BC as the master of Alexander's conquests in Asia. Seleucus reigned supremely over an extensive landmass that stretched from the Hindu-Kush Mountains in the east to the Mediterranean shores in the west. However, he soon relocated his seat of power from Babylon, first to Seleucia on the Tigris about 305 BC and then to Seleucia Pieria around 300 BC. This move gradually weakened Seleucid sway over the outlying regions of the empire and encouraged rebellion among local governors. Around half a century later, the easternmost satrapy of Bactria under Diodotus I seceded from Seleucid dominion. Then Parthia to the northeast rose in revolt for the first time in 256 BC, but no detail of the initial Parthian uprising has survived in the written sources.

However, around 250 BC, a brave man of uncertain antecedents called Arsaces fled from the growing power of Diodotus I in Bactria and took refuge among the Dahae nomads in the east of the Caspian Sea. He was later elected leader of the Aparnian tribe and, having invaded Parthia in 238 BC and slain its satrap Andragoras, declared independence from Seleucid autocracy. Arsaces then went on to annex Hyrcania to the west of Parthia and fend off a Seleucid incursion under Seleucus II about 229 BC. Having founded an independent *kingdom* and established himself as its *de facto* ruler, Arsaces died about 211 BC and was succeeded by his son Artabanus I. The latter fought gallantly against Antiochus III, but ceded Hyrcania to the Seleucid monarch following a peace pact in 208 BC. Despite the fact that Phraates I re-established Arsacid jurisdiction over the lost satrapy before his death about 165 BC, the successors of Arsaces I found no opportunity to enlarge their dominion before the accession of Mithradates I the Great. As the most distinguished ancient Iranian monarch, Mithradates combined prudence with his military acumen to transform Parthia from a petty kingdom into a world empire. He first extended the eastern frontiers of his realm into Bactria and later on victoriously marched as far south as the Indus River. In the west, too, Mithradates was triumphant. He annexed Media Magna and Atropatene in 148 BC, conquered Babylonia in 141 BC, defeated and seized the Seleucid king Demetrius II in 138 BC, and ultimately pacified Elymais in 133/2 BC after a series of hard fought battles. At the end, Mithradates succumbed to illness and died with glory in early 132 BC.

The successor of Mithradates I was his young son Phraates II. He scored a decisive victory in 129 BC against Antiochus VII who had marched as far east as Media, slaying the ambitious Seleucid king on the field of battle. Yet Phraates himself fell in an encounter with the marauding Scythians in northeast Parthia about autumn 127 BC. The victorious nomads then overran Parthia and continued their unimpeded raids and pillage for almost a decade, defeating and killing Artabanus III near Margiane (Marv) around autumn 122 BC.

The next Arsacid monarch, Mithradates II the Great, not only crushed the Scythian invaders, but also channelled their survivors south and settled them in Sakastana, modern Sistan in southeast Iran. He also re-imposed Arsacid sway over Characene and Elymais, the restive satrapies respectively in southern Mesopotamia and Iran. Mithradates then went to war with Armenia about 110 BC, bringing back as hostage to his court prince Tigranes, the later great king of that country. Yet despite restoring Parthia to its glorious days under his illustrious uncle Mithradates I, towards the end of his reign Mithradates II was embroiled in an internecine power struggle with his cousin Sinatruces. At about this time, Roman influence in the east began to rise, culminating in the annexation of Armenia and Syria as well as Egypt some years later. Factional disputes, nevertheless, endured in Parthia after Mithradates II, plunging the empire into a dark age of intra-dynastic wars that lasted for about forty years and greatly diminished its power and prestige.

A respite under Orodes II, however, saw the Roman proconsul Crassus defeated and slain in early May 53 BC after he led his legions to war with a ten thousand strong force of Parthian mounted archers under Surena. Around two decades later, Phraates

IV too successfully defended Parthia against Mark Antony in 36, 35 and 33 BC. Yet the recurring internal strife finally sent the powerful empire that Mithradates I had created around a century earlier into a rapid decline. Parthian nobles soon found Phraataces, the son and successor of Phraates IV, objectionable and eliminated him and his Italian mother, Musa. In their place Vonones I, a hostage son of Phraates IV was recalled from Rome and installed on the throne. He, too, soon fell out of favour with the Parthian Senate and was deposed by a half-Arsacid prince, Artabanus IV. However, despite Artabanus' successful dealings with Tiberius, his fluctuating fortunes, greatly influenced by rivalry at home, prevented him from pursuing his claim to Armenia which had, by then, become a bone of contention between Rome and Parthia. Artabanus' two sons, Vardanes I and Gotarzes II, fared no better. They initially disputed the throne but reconciled later and were both assassinated after relatively short reigns.

The accession of Vologases I in AD 50 temporarily halted the collapse of the Parthian Empire. But Vologases' authority waned after Vardanes II revolted and seized power in Mesopotamia during AD 54-58. A poorly documented uprising in Hyrcania around AD 58 further eroded Vologases' power, forcing him to postpone his march to Armenia until some years later. Worse still, Vologases' successors, Vologases II, Pacorus and Artabanus V, wasted so much of their dwindling manpower and resources on infighting that by about the beginning of the second century AD western Parthia became a fair game for contemporary Roman emperors who were on the hunt for glory: Trajan subdued Armenia and captured Nisibis and Edessa in AD 114, annexed Adiabene in AD 115 and then entered Ctesiphon unimpeded in early AD 116, taking both the Arsacid golden throne and daughter of Osroes I. These victories won him the titles *Imperator* and *Parthicus*, and occasioned a PARTHIA CAPTA coin issue to mark his "Capture of Parthia"! Then, following about half a century of détente with no reported Roman incursion but ample numismatic evidence to confirm ongoing dissension in Parthia, Lucius Verus and his generals advanced to Armenia in AD 163. They then captured Dura-Europos, Seleucia on the Tigris, Babylon and Ctesiphon in AD 164, burning Seleucia and razing to ground the palace of Vologases IV in Ctesiphon. Another expedition under Verus about AD 166 pushed the invading Parthians out of Armenia and once again brought Edessa and Nisibis in northern Mesopotamia under Roman sway. Verus' third and final triumph came when he marched to Armenia in AD 168 and secured permanent cession to Rome of that country.

Septimus Severus, too, mounted two successful expeditions to Parthia during the reign of Vologases V, one in AD 195, which saw him capture Hatra, Osroene and Adiabene, and the other in AD 198 during which Seleucia on the Tigris, Babylon and Ctesiphon were taken and plundered. Vologases V was succeeded by his son, Vologases VI. He was soon challenged by his brother, Artabanus VI, and compelled to share the empire.

The final blow to Parthian power came in AD 216. The Roman emperor Caracalla, having failed to persuade Artabanus VI to give him in marriage his daughter, marched out of Antioch and took Arbela. He then desecrated the tombs of the dead Arsacid kings and declared himself *victorious* over the Parthians! Not long afterwards, Caracalla was assassinated and Macrinus succeeded him. However, although Artabanus defeated Macrinus in AD 218 and exacted from him a war indemnity of over two hundred million sesterces, he soon faced a far greater challenge at home: the Persian revolt led by Ardashir.

Unfortunately, the details of the events that brought about the climactic battle between Artabanus and Ardashir have not survived in the extant sources. However, what is not disputed is that Ardashir defeated and slew Artabanus at Hormizdgān, near modern Bandar Abbas in southern Iran, probably in late spring AD 224. The Sasanian founder then spent around a decade tackling the surviving Arsacid aspirants and their loyal forces. An isolated tetradrachm issue (S88.17) in the name of Vologases VI suggests that the almost five centuries of ebbing and flowing Parthian rule in Iran officially ended in AD 227/8.

KINGS OF PARTHIA

1 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Nisa(?). Head of Arsakes I right, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 1.1; A&S type 1, obv. 1/1, rev. 1/1; Shore 1, this coin; Sunrise 234, this coin). An outstanding example and possibly the finest known, extremely fine, delicately toned. $ 15,000

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 1

2 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.09g, Nisa(?). Head of Arsakes I right, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, holding bow (cf Sellwood 1.1 (Drachm); Sunrise 235, this coin). Needle sharp with a uniform light grey cabinet tone, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare, being the finest of only two known.* $ 12,000

3 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Obol, 0.50g. Head of Arsakes I right, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, holding bow (cf Sellwood 1.1 (Drachm); Sunrise 236, this coin). Choice very fine. *Unique.* $ 2,000

4 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Nisa(?). Head of Arsakes I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 2.1; A&S type 2, unlisted dies; Shore -; Sunrise 237, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 9,000

5 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Mithradatkart-Nisa(?). Head of Arsakes I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated left on backless throne, holding bow, monogram below throne (Sellwood 3.1; A&S type 3, obv. 3/4, rev. -; Shore 2; Sunrise 238, this coin). Delicate golden and bluish undertones, superb extremely fine, this example is considered the finest to exist. *Very rare.* $ 12,000

6 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.07g, Mithradatkart-Nisa(?). Head of Arsakes I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow, monogram below throne (Sellwood 4.1; A&S type 4, obv. 4/6, rev. 4/6; Shore -; Sunrise 239, this coin). Extremely fine with excellent metal, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 9,000

ex Khalili Collection, Leu 57, 25 May 1993, lot 145
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 13 January 2004, lot 390

7 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes I (247-211 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.08g, Hekatompylos. Head of Arsakes I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 5.1 (Arsakes II); A&S type 5, obv. 5/2, rev. - (Arsakes II); Shore 3 (Arsakes II); Sunrise 240, this coin). Delicate old cabinet toning, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

8 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.01g, Rhagai-Arsakeia(?), c.211-209 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow, to right, eagle standing facing, head left (Sellwood 6.1; A&S type 6, obv. 6/5, rev. 6/2; Shore 4; Sunrise 241, this coin). Lightly toned and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 2,500

9 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.04g, Rhagai-Arsakeia(?), c.211-209 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow, to right, eagle standing facing, head left (Sellwood 6.1; A&S type 6, obv. 6/8, rev. 6/4; Shore 4; Sunrise 242, this coin). Lightly toned and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 2,000

10 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.19g, Rhagai-Arsakeia(?), c.211-209 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow, to right, eagle standing facing, head left (Sellwood 6.1; A&S type 6, obv. 6/32, rev. -; Shore 4; Sunrise 243, this coin). Delicately toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

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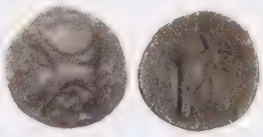
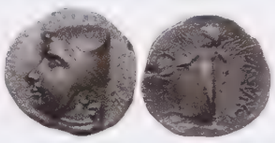


11 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Æ Dichalkon 3.66g, Rhagai-Arsakeia(?), c.211-209 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Bow in bow-case, to left, monogram (Sellwood 6.2; Shore -; Sunrise 244, this coin). Dark brown patina, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

The obverse of this issue was struck from an obverse die that was also used for Drachms (see A&S Type 6, obv. die 6). This type is also known for an issue of Dichalkoi of Arsakes I, of which all the known examples were struck from the same obverse die used for striking Drachms (see CNG 75, 577).



12 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Æ Dichalkon 3.8g, Hekatompylos(?), c.189 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Nike standing facing, head left, holding wreath and palm (Sellwood -; Shore -; Sunrise -). Choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 400

13 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Hekatompylos, c.189-185 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 7.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 5 corr (same; S 7.1, not 8.1); Sunrise 245, this coin). Well struck with a light grey tone superb, extremely fine. $ 2,500

ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 510

14 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Hekatompylos, c.189-185 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 7.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 5 corr (same; S 7.1, not 8.1), this coin; Sunrise 246, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 3,000

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 5

15 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos I (Arsakes II) (211-185 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Hekatompylos, c.189-185 BC. Head of Artabanos I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on backless throne, holding bow (Sellwood 7.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 5 corr (same; S. 7.1, not 8.1); Sunrise 247, this coin). Boldly struck, well centred and excellent metal, early mint state with delicate iridescent tone, the finest known example. *Very rare.* $ 7,000

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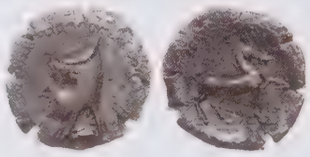
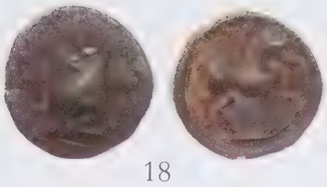
16 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios (185-170 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.89g, Hekatompylos. Head of Phriapatios left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 8.1 (Mithradates I); Shore -; Sunrise 248, this coin). Boldly struck with light grey overtones, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000



17 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios (185-170 BC). Æ Chalkous, 3.55g, Hekatompylos. Head of Phriapatios left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Horse cantering right (Sellwood 8.2 (Mithradates I); Shore 22; Sunrise 249, this coin). Uniform dark brown patina, very fine. $ 250



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18 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios (185-170 BC). Æ Dichalkoi, 5.59g, Hekatompylos. Head of Phriapatios left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Horse cantering right, blundered legend (cf Sellwood 8.2 (Mithradates I); cf Shore 22; Sunrise 250, this coin). Choice very fine. $ 500

19 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios to Mithradates I (c.185-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.78g, Hekatompylos. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 9.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 7-8; Sunrise 251, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly burnished in left obverse field, now starting to tone. $ 1,000

ex Todd A Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 516

20 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios to Mithradates I (c.185-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.93g, Hekatompylos. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 9.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 7-8; Sunrise 252, this coin). Boldly struck with an exceptional reverse, all delicately toned with traces of natural iridescense, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

21 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios to Mithradates I (c.185-132 BC). Silver Obol, 0.67g, Hekatompylos. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (cf Sellwood 9.7 (Mithradates I; legends); cf Shore 20 (Mithradates I; same); Sunrise 253, this coin). Choice very fine, not toned. *Rare.* $ 250

22 Parthian Kingdom. Phriapatios to Mithradates I (c.185-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, Hekatompylos. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 10.1 (Mithradates I); Shore 12-13 (Mithradates I); Sunrise 254, this coin). Superb extremely fine, needle sharp with underlying lustre and lightly toned. $ 2,000

23 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates I or Mithradates I (c.168-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, uncertain mint. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, Θ to outer left, monograms to outer right and in exergue (cf Sellwood 10.2 and 10.9 (Mithradates I); Shore -; Sunrise 255, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred on a huge broad flan, lightly toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

This piece includes all of the control marks from both Sellwood 10.2 and 10.9.

ex Derfler Collection, Peus 376, 29 October 2003, lot 579

24 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates I or Mithradates I (c.168-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.00g, Hekatompylos. Head of king left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 10.17 (Mithradates I); Shore 19; Sunrise 256, this coin). Cleaned and untoned struck on a large broad flan, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 13 January 2004, lot 400

25 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.92g, Ekbatana. Head of Mithradates I left, wearing bashlyk. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 10.10; Shore -; Sunrise 257, this coin). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 1,000

26 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, Ekbatana, c.148-138/7 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, monogram to outer left (cf Sellwood 12.1 (lacking monogram); Shore -; Sunrise 258, this coin). Wonderful Hellenistic portrait, delicately toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

This monogram is present on Sellwood 12.2 Drachms, so this must be a transitional issue between 12.1 and 12.2.

ex Peus 374, 23 April 2003, lot 135

27 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, Ekbatana, c.148-138/7 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, monogram to outer left (Sellwood 12.2; Shore -; Sunrise 259, this coin). Lovely compact portrait style, uniform light matte grey surfaces, extremely fine. $ 5,000

28 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.02g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.141/0 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Herakles standing left, holding cup, lion's skin and club, monogram in exergue (Sellwood 13.2; Shore 35; Sunrise 260, this coin). Well centred and well struck with a remarkable portrait, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 10,000

ex Santa Barbara Museum Collection, NFA I, 20 March 1975, lot 249
ex Gorny & Mosch 129, 8 March 2004, lot 195

29 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.02g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 173 (140/39 BC). Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Herakles standing left, holding cup, lion's skin and club, monogram to left; date (ΓΟΡ) in exergue (Sellwood 13.3; Shore 36; Sunrise 261, this coin). A remarkable coin with a fabulous portrait of Mithradate the Great, boldly struck, lustrous and untoned on a nice large flan, nearly mint state. *Very rare.* $ 15,000

30 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.39g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 174 (139/8 BC). Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Herakles standing left, holding cup, lion's skin and club; date (ΔΟΡ) in exergue (Sellwood 13.5; Shore 37; Sunrise 262, this coin). Well centred and lightly toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

31 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.56g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.141/0 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Zeus seated left, holding eagle and sceptre, monogram in exergue (Sellwood 13.6; Shore -; Sunrise 263, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

ex M&M Auction, 1990

32 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.72g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 173 (140/39 BC). Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I right. Rev. Zeus seated left, holding eagle and sceptre, monogram in outer left, date (ΓΟΡ) in exergue (Sellwood 13.8; Shore 38 (same rev. die); Sunrise 264, this coin). Excellent portrait completely on flan, nicely toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

ex M&M Auction, 1990

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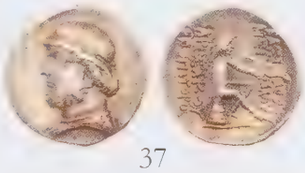
33 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, Hekatompylos, c.141-132 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 11.1; Shore 24; Sunrise 265, this coin). Boldly struck on a nice broad flan, uniform medium grey tone, extremely fine. $ 500

34 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates I (164-132 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.33g, Hekatompylos, c.141-132 BC. Diademed and bearded bust of Mithradates I left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 11.1; Shore 24; Sunrise 266, this coin). Boldly struck and toned, extremely fine. $ 500

35 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.22g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.129 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II right. Rev. Male deity seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, two monograms in exergue (Sellwood 17.1; Shore -; Sunrise 267, this coin). Well centred with an excellent portrait, lightly cleaned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

ex Triton IV, 5 December 2000, lot 325

36 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.15g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.129 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II right. Rev. Male deity seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, monograms to outer left and in exergue (cf Sellwood 17.1 (monogram placement); Shore -; Sunrise 268, this coin). Well centred and lightly toned, very fine. *Unpublished variety.* $ 2,000



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37 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Ekbatana, c.128/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 16.1; Shore 41; Sunrise 269, this coin). Boldly struck and lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 500

38 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, Ekbatana, c.128/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II left, A behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 16.3; Shore 43; Sunrise 270, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Peus 333, 6-11 May 1992, lot 397
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 13 January 2004, lot 409

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39 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.69g, Nisa, c.128/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II left, NI behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, dividing lines in legend (Sellwood 16.6; Shore 45; Sunrise 271, this coin). Boldly struck and lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 500

40 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates II (132-127 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 4.31g, Tambrax, c.128/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates II left; TAM behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, dividing lines in legend (Sellwood 16.11; Shore 50; Sunrise 272, this coin). Well struck, perfectly centred and lustrous, lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 800

41 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos II (127/6 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.21g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed head of Artabanos II right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne (Sellwood 18.1 (inter-regnal issue); Shore -; Sunrise 273, this coin). Fine style portrait, struck on a full size flan and well centred, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 5,000

ex Sotheby's, May 2000, lot 21

42 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos II (127/6 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.21g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 187 (126 BC). Diademed head of Artabanos II right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne, Θ to outer left, date (ΖΠΡ) in exergue (Sellwood -; Shore -; Assar, *Revised* fig. 13; Assar, *Early II* fig. 19; Assar, *Recent* p.22, fig. 9; Sunrise 274, this coin). Attractively toned choice very fine. *Extremely rare, only six known examples with a date.* $ 4,000

43 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos III (126-122 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.00g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Artabanos III right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne, two monograms in exergue (Sellwood 21.4 corr (form of right monogram); Shore -; Sunrise 275, this coin). Elegant style portrait, nicely centred and attractively toned, choice very fine. $ 2,500

44 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos III (126-122 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.73g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 188 (125 BC). Diademed bust of Artabanos III right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne, monogram to outer left, ΘE to inner left, date (ΗΠΡ) in exergue (Sellwood 21.3; Shore -; Sunrise 276, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, carefully cleaned at one time, now nicely toned, choice very fine. $ 3,500

45 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos III (126-122 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.98g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 188 (125 BC). Diademed bust of Artabanos III right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne, monogram to outer left, ΘE to inner left, date (ΗΠΡ) in exergue (Sellwood 21.3; Shore -; Sunrise 277, this coin). Boldly struck on a nice full flan, superb extremely fine, a marvelous specimen and probably the finest known example. $ 5,000

46 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos III (126-122 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.46g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Artabanos III left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 20.1 (Artabanos I); Shore 59 (Artabanos I); Sunrise 278, this coin). Needle sharp and lustrous, mint state with an incredible portrait. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

47 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos III (126-122 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Artabanos III left, monogram behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 20.3 (Artabanos I); Shore 61 (Artabanos I); Sunrise 279, this coin). Superb extremely fine with remaining lustre, lightly toned. $ 1,000

48 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes X (122/1 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.11g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Arsakes X right. Rev. Demeter seated left, holding Nike and cornucopiae, winged tritoness supporting throne, TV and monogram in exergue (Sellwood 23.1 (Mithradates II); Shore -; Sunrise 280, this coin). Wonderful portrait, well struck with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 6,000

ex Peus 366, 25 October 2000, lot 250
ex Gorny & Mosch 130, 8 March 2004, lot 1360

49 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.83g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, monogram in exergue (Sellwood 24.2; Shore -; Sunrise 281, this coin). Lustrous, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare, only the fourth known example of this variety.* $ 5,000

50 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.96g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, monogram to inner left, palm branch to outer right (cf Sellwood 24.5 (form of monogram); Shore 68; Sunrise 282, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, nearly mint state. $ 5,000

51 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.83g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, palm branch to outer right, monogram in exergue (cf Sellwood 24.5 (form and placement of monogram); cf Shore 68 (same); Sunrise 283, this coin). Boldly struck on a huge flan, underlying lustre and lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 4,000

52 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.67g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, palm branch to outer right, TV in exergue (Sellwood 24.4; Shore 67; Sunrise 284, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred with underlying lustre, nearly mint state. $ 6,000

53 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.22g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, monogram to inner left, palm branch to outer right, TV and monogram in exergue (cf Sellwood 24.7 (form of monogram); Shore -; Sunrise 285, this coin). Well centred with no toning, extremely fine. *Rare variety, only the third known example.* $ 4,000

ex Dr Robert Gonella Collection, Peus 388, 1 November 2006, lot 327

54 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.92g, Ekbatana, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 24.9; Shore 69; Sunrise 286, this coin). An exceptionally heavy example, beautiful iridescent sunset tones, superb extremely fine. $ 500

55 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Rhagai, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left, monogram behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, guide lines in legend (Sellwood 24.13; Shore 71; Sunrise 287, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 500

Some letters at the ends of the words in the legend are combined (typical for this Sellwood sub-type).

ex Bellaria Collection, CNG 66, 19 May 2004, lot 770
ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 554

56 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.22g, Ekbatana, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left, monogram behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 24.30; Shore 76; Sunrise 288, this coin). Fully lustrous with no toning, mint state. $ 1,000

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57 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Rhagai, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left, monogram behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, N behind (cf Sellwood 24/26 (obv/rev); Shore -; Sunrise 289, this coin). Boldly struck and quite sharp, delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Seemingly an otherwise unrecorded hybrid of Sellwood types 24 and 26.* $ 500

ex Peus, Auction 388, November 2006, lot 343

58 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.23g, Ekbatana, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 26.1; Shore 77; Sunrise 290, this coin). Attractive iridescent tone, nearly mint state. $ 750

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59 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.19g, Ekbatana, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 26.1; Shore 77; Sunrise 291, this coin). Lustrous with no toning, mint state. $ 500

60 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, Nisa, c.120/19-109 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left, NI behind. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, C to outer left (cf Sellwood 26.19/26.22 (obv/rev); Shore -; Sunrise 292, this coin). Lustrous surfaces, superb extremely fine. $ 500

ex Dr Robert Gonella Collection, Peus 388, 1 November 2006, lot 342

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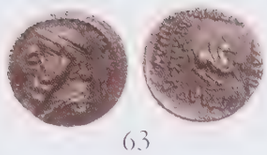
61 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.17g, Rhagai, c.109-96/5 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, cloak arm ends in pellet below throne (Sellwood 27.1; Shore 85; Sunrise 293, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 200

62 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, Ekbatana, c.109-96/5 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, cloak arm ends in a point (Sellwood 27.2; Shore 86; Sunrise 294, this coin). Well struck on a huge flan, extremely fine. $ 400



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63 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Æ Tetrachalkon, 2.95g, Rhagai, c.109-96/5 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates II left. Rev. Pegasos flying right (Sellwood 27.7; Shore 93; Sunrise 295, this coin). Pleasing reddish-brown patina, extremely fine. $ 300

64 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, Rhagai, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in sea-horse. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 28.1; Shore 95; Sunrise 296, this coin). Well struck in high relief with iridescent undertones, superb extremely fine. $ 300

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65 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, Ekbatana, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in two pellets. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 28.2; Shore 96; Sunrise 297, this coin). Superb extremely fine with no toning. $ 300

66 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Ekbatana, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in two pellets. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 28.3; Shore 97; Sunrise 298, this coin). Extremely fine with no toning. $ 300

ex Peus, Auction 372, October 2002, lot 620

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67 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, Ekbatana, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in two pellets. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 28.3; Shore 97; Sunrise 299, this coin). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 200

ex The New York Sale XXIII, Baldwin / Markov / M&M, January 2010, lot 47

68 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, Rhagai, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in sea-horse. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 28.7; Shore 99; Sunrise 300, this coin). Lustrous surfaces, nearly mint state. $ 500

69 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates II (121-91 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Rhagai, c.96/5-93/2 BC. Bust of Mithradates II left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (cf Sellwood 28.7 (torque ends in sea horse); cf Shore 100 (same); Sunrise 301, this coin). Lustrous surfaces with no toning, mint state. $ 500

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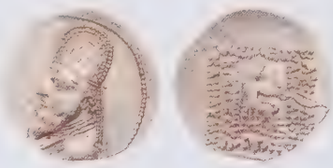
70 Parthian Kingdom. Sinatrukes (93/2-70/69 BC, intermittently). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, Rhagai. Bust of Sinatrukes left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 33.4 (Gotarzes I); Shore 114 (Gotarzes I); Assar, *Genealogy,* fig. 26; Sunrise 302, this coin). Lustrous surfaces, lightly toned, mint state. $ 500

71 Parthian Kingdom. Sinatrukes (93/2-70/69 BC, intermittently). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, Ekbatana. Bust of Sinatrukes left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 33.2 (Gotarzes I); Shore 111 (Gotarzes I); Assar, *Genealogy,* fig. 26; Sunrise 303, this coin). Boldly struck with underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

72 Parthian Kingdom. Gotarzes I (91-87 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.07g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.91 BC. Bust of Gotarzes I left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, A to inner left, H to inner right, palm branch to outer right (Sellwood 32.1 (Unknown king); Shore -; Sunrise 304, this coin). Nicely toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare,* only four examples known. $ 7,500



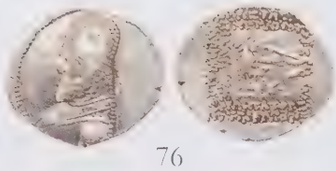
73 Parthian Kingdom. Gotarzes I (91-87 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.22g, Rhagai. Bust of Gotarzes I left, wearing tiara, neck torque ends in single pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, A to inner left, H to inner right, palm branch to outer right (cf Sellwood 29 (Mithradates II; tiara and legend); Shore -; Sunrise 305, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 300

74 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates III (87-80 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.27g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Bust of Mithradates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow (Sellwood 31.1 (Orodes I); Shore -; Sunrise 306, this coin). Well centred and well struck with uniform light greyish toning, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 9,000

ex Derfler Collection, Peus 376, 29 October 2003, lot 645

75 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates III (87-80 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.51g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Bust of Mithradates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on omphalos, holding bow, A to inner right (Sellwood 31.2 (Orodes I); Shore 121 (Orodes I) = Sunrise 307, this coin). Well centred on a full size flan, faint scratches in the left obverse field, well concealed by the lovely natural cabinet toning, otherwise choice very fine, a truly remarkable example of this very rare coin. *Very rare.* $ 9,000

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 121



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76 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates III (87-80 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Ekbatana. Bust of Mithradates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (cf Sellwood 31.5 (Orodes I; legend); cf Shore 122 (Orodes I; same); Sunrise 308, this coin). Some underlying lustre, no toning, extremely fine. $ 300

On this variety, the legends below and to the left reads outward rather than inward.

77 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes I (80-75 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.17g, Ekbatana. Bust of Orodes I left, wearing tiara, anchor behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood 34.2 (Sinatrukes); Shore -; Sunrise 309, this coin). Lightly toned with some underlying lustre, extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Dmitry Markov, 1995

78 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes I (80-75 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Ekbatana. Bust of Orodes I left, wearing tiara, anchor behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood 34.2 (Sinatrukes); Shore -; Sunrise 310, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 750

79 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.68g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram above bow (Sellwood 30.2 (Unknown king); Shore -; Sunrise 311, this coin). Struck from dies of exceptional style, boldly struck and well centred with lovely old cabinet tone, extremely fine and an elegant specimen. *Very rare.* $ 12,500

ex Stack's, New York, 2001

80 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.81g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram above bow (Sellwood 30.4 (Unknown king); Shore -; Sunrise 312, this coin). Choice very fine, lightly toned. *An extremely rare variety.* $ 5,000

ex CNG 58, 19 September 2001, lot 756

81 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.96g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram above bow (Sellwood 30.7 (Unknown king); Shore 130; Sunrise 313, this coin). Well struck in high relief, nearly extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 5,000

ex Alan Baron, 1998

82 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left, neck torque ends in sea-horse. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood 30.17 (Unknown king); Shore 136 (Orodes I); Sunrise 314, this coin). Extremely fine with flashes of lustre, lightly toned. $ 500

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83 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g. Areia. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood 30.25 (Unknown king); Shore 143 (Orodes I); Sunrise 315, this coin). Extremely fine with attractive light tone. $ 1,000

84 Parthian Kingdom. Arsakes XVI (78/7-62/1 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.01g, Margiane. Diademed bust of Arsakes XVI left, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (cf Sellwood 30 (Unknown king); cf Shore 141-4 (Orodes I); Sunrise 316, this coin). Splendid portrait with a huge hooked nose, plenty of lustre and lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

85 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.81g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, BA above bow (Sellwood 36.2 (Darius?); Shore -; Sunrise 317, this coin). Well centred and lightly toned, very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 9,000

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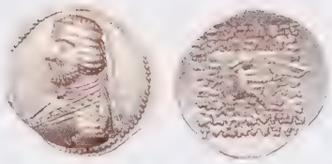
86 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, Ekbatana, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, wearing necklet with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 36.6 (Darius?, legend); Shore 153; Sunrise 318, this coin). Extremely fine, delicately toned. $ 800

87 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, Ekbatana, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 36.6 (Darius?, legend); cf Shore 153 (same); Assar, *Revised,* p.90; Sunrise 319, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500



88 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, Ekbatana, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 36.6 (Darius?, legend); cf Shore 153 (same); Assar, *Revised,* p.90; Sunrise 320, this coin). Extremely fine with underlying lustre, lightly toned. $ 800

ex Album 6, 7 June 2009, lot 8

89 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, Rhagai, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 36.9 (Darius?); Shore 155; Sunrise 321, this coin). A nice bold and needle sharp portrait, superb extremely fine with underlying lustre, lightly toned. $ 1,500

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90 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Mithradatkart, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 36.12 (Darius?, legend); Shore 158 = Sunrise 322, this coin). Boldly struck and lustrous, nearly mint state, delicately toned. $ 750

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 158

91 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, Mithradatkart, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 36.12 (Darius?); Shore 158; Sunrise 323, this coin). Lustrous surfaces, no toning, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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92 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Court mint at Mithradatkart, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 36.13 corr (Darius?); Shore -; Sunrise 324, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 600

93 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, Margiane, c.68-62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 36.16 (Darius?, mintmark); Shore 159; Sunrise 325, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

ex Bellaria Collection, CNG 66, 19 May 2004, lot 783

94 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.05g, Ekbatana, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.1 (Darius?, legend); Shore -; Sunrise 326, this coin). Well struck in high relief and well centred, superb extremely fine, delicately toned. $ 3,000

ex Peus, Auction 338, 27-29 April 1994, lot 133

95 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Ekbatana, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.2 (Darius?, legend); Shore -; Sunrise 327, this coin). Well struck in high relief and perfectly centred, superb extremely fine. *A splendid example of this rare full facing issue.* $ 4,000

ex Album 6, 7 June 2009, lot 9

96 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, Mithradatkart, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.4 (Darius?, legend); Shore -; Sunrise 328, this coin). The high relief portrait appears to jump off the planchet, nearly mint state with magnificent iridescent tone, an absolutely incredible coin. $ 5,000

ex Peus Auction, 1992
ex Lanz, Auction 102, 28 May 2001, lot 302

97 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.08g, Court mint at Mithradatkart, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 35.6 (Darius?); Shore 164; Sunrise 329, this coin). Well struck and well centred, nearly mint state, lightly toned. $ 4,000

98 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, Rhagai, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.7 (Darius?, legend); Shore 165; Sunrise 330, this coin). Extremely fine with underlying lustre, no toning. $ 3,000

ex Album 6, 7 June 2009, lot 11

99 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Rhagai, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.7 (Darius?, legend); Shore 165; Sunrise 331, this coin). Well struck on a huge broad flan, fully lustrous surfaces, mint state. $ 5,000

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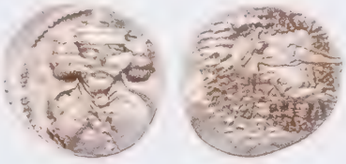

100 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Nisa, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35.8 (Darius?, legend); Shore -; Sunrise 332, this coin). Lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

ex Peus, Auction 338, 27-29 April 1994, lot 137

101 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Court mint at Rhagai, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing spiral torque. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 35.13 (Darius?); Shore -; Sunrise 333, this coin). Well struck and nicely centred with underlyibng lustre, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 4,000

102 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.71g, Court mint at Rhagai, c.62 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III facing, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 35 (monogram not recorded); Shore -; Sunrise 334, this coin). Light grey tone, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,000

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103 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Ekbatana, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, neck torque ends in sea-horse. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 38.2; Shore 168; Sunrise 335, this coin). Lustrous and lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 500

104 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Court mint at Ekbatana, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 38.4 (legend); cf Shore 170 (same); Sunrise 336, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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105 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, Mithradatkart, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 38.6; Shore 172; Sunrise 337, this coin). Delicately toned and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 500

106 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.07g, 70/69-58/7 BC. Artemita, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 38.13; Shore 176; Sunrise 338, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, lightly toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 750

107 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.1g, Susa, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, ΒΠ/Σ in two lines below bow (Sellwood 38.15; Shore 178; Sunrise -). Well struck and superb throughout with lovely light grey tone, nearly mint state. $ 1,000

108 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Court mint at Rhagai, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Phraates III left, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 38.14 (mint); Shore -; Sunrise 339, this coin). Attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

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109 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Ekbatana, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 39.2; Shore 180; Sunrise 340, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 250

110 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.06g, Rhagai, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram above bow (Sellwood 39.4; Shore 181; Sunrise 341, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 200

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111 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, Court mint at Rhagai, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 39.5; Shore -; Sunrise 342, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

112 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.08g, Mithradatkart, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 39.6; Shore -; Sunrise 343, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

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113 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.88g, Kangavar, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 39.9; Shore 183; Sunrise 344, this coin). Well centred, toned, extremely fine. $ 200

114 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, Nisa, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, NI below bow (Sellwood 39.10; Shore 184; Sunrise 345, this coin). Extremely fine with underlying lustre. $ 200

115 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.01g, Margiane, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, NI below bow (Sellwood 39.12; Shore -; Sunrise 346, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

116 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates III (70/69-58/7 BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.75g, uncertain mint, c.62/1-58/7 BC. Bust of Phraates III left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (cf Sellwood 39 for type; Shore -; Sunrise 347, this coin). Porous surfaces, very fine. *Unique.* $ 500

The smaller denominations, such as this Hemidrachm, are many times rarer than the full Drachms.

117 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.05g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow, B behind head, T at top of throne back (Sellwood 40.2; Shore -; Sunrise 348, this coin). Well struck and well centred with underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

118 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 40.3; Shore 190; Sunrise 349, this coin). Bright lustrous surfaces, nearly mint state. $ 500

119 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.06g, Court mint at Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 40.4; Shore 192; Sunrise 350, this coin). Underlying lustre, no toning, extremely fine. $ 300

120 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.06g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 40.5; Shore 194-5; Sunrise 351, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred with lustrous surfaces, nearly mint state. $ 500

121 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Kangavar. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, K below bow (Sellwood 40.8; Shore 197 corr (mintmark); Sunrise 352, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned with underlying lustre, nearly mint state. $ 500

122 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Margiane. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, M below bow (cf Sellwood 40.13 (legends); cf Shore 199 (same); Sunrise 353, this coin). Lightly toned, uncirculated. *Extremely rare.* $ 200

123 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.83g, Areia. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, A below bow (cf Sellwood 40.15 (legends); Shore -; Sunrise 354, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

124 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 15.54g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, c.58/7 BC. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood 44.1 (Orodes II); Shore -; Sunrise 355, this coin). Perfectly centred, cleaned, now lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare, less than 10 known, of which this is the finest.* $ 4,000

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125 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, A below bow (cf Sellwood 41.5 (legends); Shore 200 (same obv. die); Sunrise 356, this coin). Superb extremely fine, no toning. $ 300

126 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates IV (58/7-55 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Mithradates IV left, wearing segmented necklace with medallion, behind, crescent above star. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, A below bow (Sellwood 41.6; Shore -; Sunrise 357, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 200

127 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.94g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Orodes II left. Rev. King seated right, before him, Tyche kneeling left, reaching out to him and holding sceptre, ΠΟ above Tyche (Sellwood 45.1; Shore -; Sunrise 358, this coin). Boldly struck with an excellent portrait in high relief, all lightly toned, some double striking on the reverse, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

128 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 15.59g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Orodes II left. Rev. King seated right, before him, Tyche kneeling left, reaching out to him and holding sceptre, ΠΟ monogram above Tyche, ΥΠ in exergue (Sellwood 45.8; cf Shore 209; Sunrise 359, this coin). Well centred, faint scratches in the left obverse field beneath the attractive light toning, very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

purchased from Steve Album, 1990

129 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.97g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, behind, Nike left, crowning Orodes with wreath. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 42.2 (form of monogram); Shore 219; Sunrise 360, this coin). Unusually well centred for this rare issue, toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 800

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130 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with no upper end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 43.1; Shore -; Sunrise 361, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

131 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Court mint at Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with no upper end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 43.5; Shore -; Sunrise 362, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

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132 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.05g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with pellet end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 45.11 (monogram); Shore 224; Sunrise 363, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 200

133 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.95g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with pellet end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 45.14; Shore 225; Sunrise 364, this coin). Boldly struck, well centred and needle sharp, lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 500

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134 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Nisa. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with pellet end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, ?I below bow (cf Sellwood 45 (unlisted mintmark); Shore -; PDC 6401; cf Gorny & Mosch 130, 1406 = Münz Zentrum 52, 475 (NI not ?I); Sunrise 365, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely Rare.* $ 200

135 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, Kangavar. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wearing torque with pellet end. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 45.21 (form of monogram); cf Shore 230 (same); Sunrise 366, this coin). Lightly toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 200

136 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.96g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 48/7 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead. Rev. King seated right, receiving palm from Tyche standing left, holding sceptre, AV and monogram in exergue (Sellwood 46.1; Shore -; Sunrise 367, this coin). Well struck and well centred, a marvelous coin with attractive old cabinet tone, superb extremely fine. $ 5,000

purchased from William B Warden, 1990

137 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.54g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 48/7-46/5 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. King seated right, receiving palm from Tyche standing left, holding sceptre, uncertain controls in exergue (cf Sellwood 46; Shore -; Sunrise 368, this coin). Wonderful large bold portrait, signs of horn silver removed in the reverse fields, lightly toned, superb extremely fine / very fine. $ 4,000

Sellwood type 46 does not note the sea horse torque while it is noted for Sellwood types 47 and 48. Therefore, this coin may be a hybrid.

ex Numismatic fine Arts XXIX, August 1992, lot 201

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138 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, Court mint at Rhagai, c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 46.11; Shore -; Sunrise 369, this coin). Light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 200

139 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.04g, Mithradatkart, c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 46.12; Shore 234; Sunrise 370, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

140 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, Court mint at Ekbatana, c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, star before, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 47.6; Shore -; Sunrise 371, this coin). Excellent style, well struck and well centred, attractively toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 750

The Sunrise Collection states "Compared to contemporary pieces, the superb style and letter forms of this example suggests that it was struck from dies made by a master engraver."

ex CNG, 1990

141 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.00g, Court mint at Ekbatana, c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, star before, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 47.6; Shore -; Sunrise 372, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 400

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142 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.00g, Mithradatkart(?), c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, with unusual drapery, star before, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 47.9; cf Shore 241; Sunrise 373, this coin). Extremely fine, toned. $ 200

143 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.90g, Susa, c.50-42 BC. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, star before, crescent behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monograms above and below bow (Sellwood 47.22; Shore 249; Sunrise 374, this coin). One time cleaned, now lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 200

144 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.33g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. King seated left, holding sceptre and Nike, who crowns him with wreath (Sellwood 48.1; Shore 212; Callataÿ 2-14; Sunrise 375, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 3,000

145 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 15.39g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. King seated left, holding sceptre and Nike, who crowns him with wreath (Sellwood 48.1; Shore 212; Callataÿ 2-14; Sunrise 376, this coin). Nearly extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 3,000

146 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 15.26g, Seleukeia on the Tigris. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. King seated left, holding sceptre and Nike, who crowns him with wreath, pellet below throne (cf Sellwood 48.1 (no pellet); cf Shore 212 (same); Callataÿ 15.23; Sunrise 377, this coin). Signs of horn silver removed from the fields, toned within the devices, bold very fine. $ 2,000

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147 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachms (2), 3.99g and 4.09g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in upward curve, star before, crescent above star behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, anchor behind, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.6 corr (beard and torque); Shore 258; Sunrise 378, 379, these coins). Both extremely fine, no toning. (2) $ 200

148 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.97g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse, star before, crescent above star behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, anchor behind, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.7; Shore 259; Sunrise 380, this coin). Well centred on an oblong flan, extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

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149 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse, star before, crescent above star behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, anchor behind, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.9; Shore 261; Sunrise 381, this coin). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 200

150 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.06g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse, star before, crescent above star behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, anchor behind, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.10; Shore 262; Sunrise 382, this coin). Cleaned, choice very fine. $ 200

151 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Diobol, 1.12g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in pellet, palm branch before. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.14; Shore -; Sunrise 383, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 750

152 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Diobol, 1.21g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in pellet, palm branch before. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 48.14 (Ekbatana); Shore -; Sunrise 384, this coin). Very fine. *Very rare, this the only recorded Diobol for this mint.* $ 500

ex Dr Robert Gonella Collection, Peus 388, 1 November 2006, lot 483

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153 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Obol, 0.65g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in pellet. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.15; Shore 265; Sunrise 385, this coin). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

ex Gorny & Mosch 142, 10 October 2005, lot 400
ex Triton X, 9 January 2007, lot 436

154 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes II (57-38 BC). Silver Obol, 0.60g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Orodes II left, wart on forehead, neck torque ends in sea horse. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 48.17; Shore -; Sunrise 386, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 400

163 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.12g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Phraates IV left, wart on forehead, behind, eagle flying left, crowning king with wreath. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, inverted T behind throne, monogram below bow (cf Sellwood 52.32-3 (symbol behind throne); cf Shore 286 (same); Sunrise 395, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 300

ex UBS 69, 23 January 2007, lot 602
ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 682

164 Parthian Kingdom. Phraates IV (38/7-2 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.69g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Phraates IV left, wart on forehead, wearing segmented necklace with medallion, before, star in crescent, behind, eagle flying left, crowning king with wreath. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 54.8; Shore 299; Sunrise 396, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 150

165 Parthian Kingdom. Uncertain Usurper (Tiridates?) (April/May-October/December 27 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 12.79g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Artemistios 285 SE (April, 27 BC). Diademed bust of king left, without wart on forehead. Rev. Phraates seated left, holding Nike crowning him with wreath and sceptre, pellet and ΕΠΣ (year) below throne, ΑΡΤΕ (month) in exergue (Sellwood 55.4 (Tiridates); Callataÿ 79-86; Shore -; Sunrise 397, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,000

166 Parthian Kingdom. Uncertain Usurper (Tiridates?) (April/May-October/December 27 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 12.79g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Daisios 285 SE (May, 27 BC). Diademed bust of king left, without wart on forehead. Rev. Phraates seated left, holding Nike crowning him with wreath and sceptre, ΕΠΣ (year) below throne, ΔΑΙΣΙ (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 55.5 (Tiridates); Callataÿ 114-25; Shore -; Sunrise 398, this coin). Well centred on a large flan, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 900

167 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates (Usurper in Mesopotamia, c.15-10 BC). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.90g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Artemistios (April). Diademed bust of king left. Rev. Phraates seated left, holding bow, monogram above bow, pellet and Δ below throne, [ΕΠC (year)] and APTEM (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 55.10 (Tiridates; Λ below throne); Callataÿ 96-9; Shore -; Sunrise 399, this coin). Pleasing grey tone, choice very fine. $ 600

The Sunrise Collection states "This coinage has been given by various authors to either Phraates IV or Tiridates. More recent evidence, however, suggests, that the S55.10-11 coinage, all of which has no year in its inscribed dates, was struck by a usurper named Mithradates."

168 Parthian Kingdom. Phraatakes (2 BC - AD 4/5). Silver Drachm, 3.73g, Nisa. Diademed bust of Phraatakes left, wart on forehead, before, star in crescent, behind, Nike left, crowning king with wreath. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, altar behind throne, ?I below bow (cf Sellwood 56.14 (no altar, NI not ?I); Shore 320; Sunrise 400, this coin). Nearly extremely fine. $ 150

169 Parthian Kingdom. Phraatakes (2 BC - AD 4/5). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.30g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Oluos 311 SE (July, 1 BC). Diademed bust of Phraatakes left, wart on forehead, two Nikai flanking, crowning Phraatakes with wreathes. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, AIT (year) to inner right, [O]ΛΩIO[Σ] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 57.7; Shore 315; Sunrise 401, this coin). Frosty mint lustre, nearly mint state. *Rare.* $ 5,000

ex Peus, Auction 348, 2-4 May 1996, lot 298

170 Parthian Kingdom. Phraatakes (2 BC - AD 4/5). Silver Drachm, 4.00g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Phraatakes left, wart on forehead, two Nikai flanking, crowning him with wreathes. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 57.13; Shore 322; Sunrise 402, this coin). Lustrous and delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 750

171 Parthian Kingdom. Phraatakes (2 BC - AD 4/5), with Queen Musa. Billon Tetradrachm, 14.29g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Xandikos 314 SE (March, AD 3). Diademed bust of Phraatakes left, wart on forehead, before, Nike flying right, crowning him with wreath, ΔΙΤ (year) on diadem pendant. Rev. Diademed and crowned bust of Musa right, before, Nike flying left, crowning her with wreath, ΞΑΝ (month) over shoulder (Sellwood 58.4; cf Shore 323; Sunrise 403, this coin). Some faint graffiti, toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 6,000

ex Gorny & Mosch 130, 8 March 2004, lot 1431

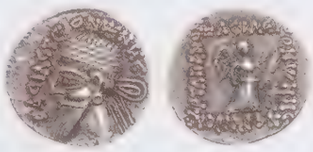
172 Parthian Kingdom. Phraatakes (2 BC - AD 4/5), with Queen Musa. Silver Drachm, 3.75g, 2 BC - AD 4/5, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Phraatakes left, without wart on forehead, two Nikai flanking, crowning him with wreathes. Rev. Diademed and crowned bust of Musa left, monogram below chin (Sellwood 58.9; Shore 324; Sunrise 404, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, extremely fine. *A rare and popular a type.* $ 2,000

ex Peus, Auction 361, 3-6 November 1999, lot 305

173 Parthian Kingdom. Orodes III (c. AD 6-8). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.12g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Dystros 317 SE (February AD 6). Diademed bust of Orodes III left. Rev. King seated left, holding bow, ZIT (year) to inner right, [ΔY]CTPO[C] (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 59; Shore -; Sunrise 405, this coin). Cleaned at one time, now lightly toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

174 Parthian Kingdom. Vonones I (c. AD 8-12). Billon Tetradrachm, 12.09g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Audinaiou 323 SE (December AD 11). Diademed bust of Vonones I left. Rev. Nike standing right, holding wreath and palm, ΓKT (year) below palm, [A]VΔIBΛIO[V] (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 60.4 var (month); cf Shore 328; Sunrise 406, this coin). Overstruck on a Tetradrachm, of Phraatakes and Musa (Sellwood type 58). Light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 3,000

175 Parthian Kingdom. Vonones I (c. AD 8-12). Silver Drachm, 3.97g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Vonones I left. Rev. Nike standing right, holding wreath and palm, monogram below palm (Sellwood 60.5; Shore 329; Sunrise 407, this coin). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 400



176 Parthian Kingdom. Vonones I (c. AD 8-12). Silver Drachm, 3.79g, Rhagai. Diademed bust of Vonones I left. Rev. Nike standing right, holding wreath and palm, monogram below palm (Sellwood 60.6; Shore -; Sunrise 408, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Peus, Auction 388, November 2006, lot 551

177 Parthian Kingdom. Vonones I (c. AD 8-12). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.56g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Loios (July) of uncertain year. Diademed bust of Vonones I left. Rev. Artabanos seated right, receiving palm from Tyche standing left, holding cornucopia, ΟΛVI (month) above Tyche's arm (cf Sellwood 61.5 (Artabanos II, form of month); Shore -; Sunrise 409, this coin). Uniform light grey tone, very fine. *Rare.* $ 800

178 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos IV (c. AD 10-38). Billon Tetradrachm, 12.91g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Artemistios 334 SE (April, AD 23). Diademed bust of Artabanos IV left, ΔΛΤ (year) before. Rev. King seated left, receiving palm from Tyche standing left, and wreath from man kneeling left, ΔΛΤ (year) above, [A]PTEMIC[TIOC] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 62.1 (Artabanos II); cf Shore 331 (Artabanos II); Sunrise 410, this coin). Light grey tone, about very fine. *Scarce.* $ 500

179 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos IV (c. AD 10-38). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.03g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Panemos 338 SE (June, AD 27). Diademed bust of Artabanos IV facing. Rev. King on horseback left, receiving palm from Tyche standing right, HΛΤ (year) around, ΠΑ monogram (month) below horse (cf Sellwood 63.3 (Artabanos II; monogram); cf Shore 334 (Artabanos II; same); Sunrise 411, this coin). Well centred and a much better strike than usual, lightly toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

180 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos IV (c. AD 10-38). Silver Drachm, 3.84g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Artabanos IV left, with long square cut beard and nearly straight hair. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 63.6 (Artabanos II); Shore 341-3 (Artabanos II); Sunrise 412, this coin). Well struck and quite lustrous, mint state. $ 300

181 Parthian Kingdom. Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.19g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 355 SE (AD 43/4). Diademed bust of Vardanes I left, wart on forehead. Rev. King seated right, receiving palm from Tyche standing left, holding cornucopia, ENT (year) above (cf Sellwood 64.20-27; cf Shore 350-1; Sunrise 413, this coin). Faint grafitti in the left obverse field, toned, choice very fine. $ 400

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182 Parthian Kingdom. Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Vardanes I left, with short pointed beard, hair in three waves, vertical and horizontal lines on forehead. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 64.31; Shore 353; Sunrise 414, this coin). Lightly toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 300

183 Parthian Kingdom. Vardanes I (c. AD 38-46). Silver Drachm, 3.87g, Mithradatkart. Diademed bust of Vardanes I left, with short pointed beard, hair in five waves, before, star in crescent. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monograms behind throne and below bow (Sellwood 63.13 (Artabanos II); Shore -; Sunrise 415, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

184 Parthian Kingdom. Gotarzes II (c. AD 44-51). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.67g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 360 SE (AD 48/9). Diademed bust of Gotarzes II left. Rev. King seated right, receiving wreath from Tyche standing left, holding cornucopia, ΞΤ (year) above (cf Sellwood 65.20-24; Shore 361; Sunrise 416, this coin). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 750

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185 Parthian Kingdom. Meherdates (Usurper, AD 49/50). Silver Drachm, 2.88g, Ekbatana. Bust of Meherdates facing, wart on forehead, wearing tiara, stars flanking. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 67.1 (Vonones II); Shore 368 (Vonones II); Sunrise 417, this coin). Delicate iridescent toning, superb extremely fine. $ 500

186 Parthian Kingdom. Meherdates (Usurper, AD 49/50). Silver Drachm, 3.68g, Ekbatana. Bust of Meherdates facing, wart on forehead, wearing tiara, stars flanking. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 67.1 (Vonones II); Shore 368 (Vonones II); Sunrise 418, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

187 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (first reign, c. AD 50-54/5). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.52g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 362 SE (AD 51). Diademed bust of Vologases I left, wearing necklace with medallion. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, BΞT (year) above (cf Sellwood 68.1-3; Shore -; Sunrise 419, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine, the finest example known. $ 2,000

188 Parthian Kingdom. Vardanes II (c. AD 55-58). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.33g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 369 SE (AD 57/8). Diademed bust of Vardanes II left, wart on forehead. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΘΞT (year) above, month in exergue (illegible) (cf Sellwood 69.10-12; cf Shore 383; Sunrise 420, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 750

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189 Parthian Kingdom. Vardanes II (c. AD 55-58). Silver Drachm, 3.57g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Vardanes II left, with short curved-bottom beard, visible earring, and five pendant ends to diadem. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 69.13; Shore 384; Sunrise 421, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

190 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (second reign, c. AD 58-77). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.06g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 376 SE (AD 64/5). Diademed bust of Vologases I left. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ϛOT (year) above (cf Sellwood 70.5; Shore 371; Sunrise 422, this coin). Cleaned, choice very fine, no toning. $ 400

191 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (second reign, c. AD 58-77). Silver Drachm, 3.57g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Vologases I left, with tapering square cut beard, wart on forehead, visible earring, and hair in five waves, control behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 71.2; Shore 376; Sunrise 423, this coin). Well struck and lustrous, nearly mint state. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

192 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (second reign, c. AD 58-77). Silver Drachm, 3.78g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Vologases I left, with tapering square cut beard, wart on forehead, visible earring, and hair in five waves. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 70.14; Shore 374; Sunrise 424, this coin). Well struck, toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

193 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (second reign, c. AD 58-77). Silver Diobol, 1.30g, mint in Persis. Diademed bust of Vologases I left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood -; cf Sellwood, *New* pl. 42, 1; cf Shore 381 (legend); Gorny & Mosch 134 (11 October 2004), 1629 = Gorny & Mosch 130 (8 March 2004), 1457 (same dies); Sunrise 425, this coin). Delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Rare and seldom seen this choice.* $ 400

194 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases I (second reign, c. AD 58-77). Silver Diobol, 1.33g, mint in Persis. Diademed bust of Vologases I left, row of pellets on torque. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood -; cf Sellwood, *New* pl. 42, 1; cf Shore 381 (legend); cf Gorny & Mosch 134 (11 October 2004), 1629 = Gorny & Mosch 130 (8 March 2004), 1457 (legend); Sunrise 426, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, superb extremely fine, rarely seen this choice. $ 300

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195 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases II (c. AD 76/7-79). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.05g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 389 SE (AD 77/8). Bust of Vologases II left, wearing tiara, A to right. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΘΠΤ (year) above (cf Sellwood 72; Shore -; Sunrise 427, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 750

196 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases II (c. AD 76/7-79). Silver Drachm, 3.57g, Ekbatana. Bust of Vologases II left, wearing tiara, letters to right. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 72.8; Shore 388; Sunrise 428, this coin). Boldly struck with underlying lustre, lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 750

197 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases II (c. AD 76/7-79). Silver Diobol, 1.44g, mint in Persis. Bust of Vologases II left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow (Sellwood -; cf Sellwood, *New* pl. 42, 3 (legend); Shore 392 = Sunrise 429, this coin). Faint scrape on forehead, toned, about extremely fine. $ 200

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 392

198 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.26g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Xandikos 389 SE (March, AD 78). Diademed beardless bust of Pakoros I left, A behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΘΠΤ (year) above, ΞΑΝΔΙΚ[ΟC] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 73.2; cf Shore 394; Sunrise 430, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 500

199 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Drachm, 3.58g, Ekbatana. Diademed beardless bust of Pakoros I left. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 73.11; Shore 395; Sunrise 431, this coin). Well struck, cleaned and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

200 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Drachm, 3.26g, Ekbatana. Diademed beardless bust of Pakoros I left, with short beard. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 75.7; Shore 398; Sunrise 432, this coin). Well struck and nicely toned, signs of old cleaning in the fields, extremely fine. *Extremely rare, this is only the second known example.* $ 1,000

201 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Billon Tetradrachm, 8.72g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Xandikos 404 SE (March, AD 93). Diademed beardless bust of Pakoros I left, with short beard, A behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, ΔY (year) above, [Ξ]ΑΝΔΙ[ΚΟϹ] (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 76.1 (uncertain month); Shore -; Sunrise 433, this coin). Very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,000

202 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Drachm, 3.63g, Ekbatana. Bust of Pakoros I left, with tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 77.8; Shore 399; Sunrise 434, this coin). Boldly struck with lustreous surfaces, no toning, nearly mint state. $ 300

203 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.59g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 404 SE (AD 92/3). Bust of Pakoros I left, wearing tiara with upward earflap and star, A behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΔY (year) above, [...]AN[...] (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 77.1; Shore -; Sunrise 435, this coin). Well centred and lightly toned, choice very fine, seldom seen this nice, a remarkable coin in this fine state of preservation. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

see Peus 372, 30 October 2002, lot 693, for a similar coin with unusual tiara from the same year.

204 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Diobol, 1.09g, mint in Persis. Bust of Pakoros I left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood -; cf Sellwood, *New* pl. 42, 8 (legend); Shore 403; Sunrise 436, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

205 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Drachm, 3.56g, uncertain mint. Bust of Pakoros I left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood -; Shore -; cf Gorny & Mosch 130 (8 March 2004), 130 (same obv. style); Sunrise 437, this coin). Perfectly centred and lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 300

The Sunrise Collection states "The monogram is of the mint of Ekbatana, but the style suggests an attribution to another mint, possibly in Persis, as Pakoros diobols attributed to Persis employ the same monogram. The Gorny piece, however, has a monogram similar to those of Mithradatkart."

206 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Diobol, 1.56g, uncertain mint. Bust of Pakoros I left, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood -; Shore -; cf Gorny & Mosch 130 (8 March 2004), 130 (Diobol of Vologases II with similar rev.); Sunrise 438, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 200

see footnote for previous lot.

207 Parthian Kingdom. Pakoros I (c. AD 78-120). Silver Drachm, 3.68g, uncertain mint. Diademed bust of Pakoros I left, with long pointed beard, diadem of three bands. Rev. Archer seated right on throne (depicted as two pellets), holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 78.6 (Vologases III); Shore -; Sunrise 439, this coin). Well struck and lustrous, lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 200

208 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos V (AD 79/80-c.85). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.08g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 391 SE (AD 79/80). Diademed bust of Artabanos V left, hair in straight lines above diadem. Rev. King seated left, receiving open diadem from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, AQT (year) above (NAP 440, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Toned, deepening within the recesses, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

An apparently unique "protype" Tetradrachm, with the title "Euergetes".

private purchase from Frank Kovacs

209 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos V (AD 79/80-c.85). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.58g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Dystros 392 SE (February, AD 81). Diademed bust of Artabanos V left, hair in waves lines above diadem. Rev. King seated left, receiving open diadem from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, BQT (year) above, ΔYCTP[OC] (month) in exergue (cf Sellwood 74.2-5 (Artabanos III; month); Shore -; Sunrise 441, this coin). Exceptional style, lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 4,000

210 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos V (AD 79/80-c.85). Silver Drachm, 3.73g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Artabanos V left, with long square cut beard and straight hair. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 74.6 (Artabanos III); Shore 404 (Artabanos III); Sunrise 442, this coin). Well struck and lustrous, lightly toned, nearly mint state. $ 200

211 Parthian Kingdom. Osroes I (c. AD 108/9-127/8). Silver Drachm, 3.76g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Osroes I left, wearing long pointed beard, earring visible, hair in bunches above head and over ears. Rev. Archer seated right on throne (depicted as +), holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 80.1; Shore 422; Sunrise 443, this coin). Boldly struck and delicately toned, a remarkable quality example, mint state. $ 1,000

212 Parthian Kingdom. Osroes I (c. AD 108/9-127/8). Æ Tetrachalkon, 14.23g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE 420 (109 AD). Diademed bust of Osroes I left, wearing long pointed beard, hair in bunches above head and over ears. Rev. Turreted and draped bust of Tyche right, KV (date) to right (cf Sellwood 80.7 (A to left of Tyche); Shore -; Sunrise 444, this coin). Even reddish brown patina, choice very fine, rarely seen in such choice quality. $ 1,000

213 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases III (c. AD 111-146). Billon Tetradrachm, 14.32g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Periteios 433 SE (January, AD 122). Bust of Vologases III left, wearing tiara, Γ behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΓΛΥ (year) above, [ΠΕ]ΡΙΤ[ΕΙΟC] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 79.5; Shore 407; Sunrise 445, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,000

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214 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases III (c. AD 111-146). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.74g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Periteios 433 SE (January, AD 122). Bust of Vologases III left, wearing tiara, Δ behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΓΛΥ (year) above, ΠΕΡΙΤΕΙΟ[C] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 79.5; Shore 407; Sunrise 446, this coin). Boldly struck on a full size flan, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 750

215 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases III (c. AD 111-146). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.24g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 435 SE (AD 123/4). Bust of Vologases III left, wearing tiara, B behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΕΛΥ (year) above, [.]OV[.] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 79.14; Shore -; Sunrise 447, this coin). Well centred with a light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 600

216 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases III (c. AD 111-146). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.70g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, Apellaios 451 SE (November, AD 139). Bust of Vologases III left, wearing tiara, Δ behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ANY (year) above, [A]ΠΕΛΛΙΟ[C] (month) in exergue (Sellwood 79.31; Shore -; Sunrise 448, this coin). Well centred with a light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 800

ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 779

217 Parthian Kingdom. Sinatrukes(?) (c. AD 116). Silver Drachm, 3.76g, Ekbatana. Bust of Sinatrukes(?) left, with stubbly beard, wearing tiara. Rev. Archer seated right on throne (seat visible), holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 81.1 (Parthamaspates); Shore 423 (Parthamaspates); Sunrise 449, this coin). Lightly toned with underlying lustre, extremely fine. $ 400

218 Parthian Kingdom. Mithradates V (c. AD 128-147). Silver Drachm, 3.83g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Mitjradates V left, with long pointed beard, diadem of single band. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 82.1 (Mithradates IV); Shore 425 (Mithradates IV); Sunrise 450, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 200

219 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases IV (c. AD 147-191). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.90g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 465 SE (AD 153/4). Bust of Vologases IV left, wearing tiara, B behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, ΕΞΥ (year) above (cf Sellwood 84.16; Shore 428; Sunrise 451, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 400

220 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases IV (c. AD 147-191). Silver Drachm, 3.74g, Ekbatana. Bust of Vologases IV left, with tapering square cut beard, wearing tiara, three pendant ends to diadem. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 84.128; Shore -; Sunrise 452, this coin). Well struck, well centred and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 200

221 Parthian Kingdom. Osroes II (c. AD 190-208). Silver Drachm, 3.75g, Ekbatana. Bust of Osroes II left, with long pointed beard, wearing tiara, four pendant ends to diadem. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 85.1; Shore 437; Sunrise 453, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 200

222 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases V (c. AD 191-207/8). Silver Drachm, 3.79g, Ekbatana. Diademed bust of Vologases V facing, with pointed beard of straight lines, hair in bunches above diadem and at sides. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 86.3; Shore 448; Sunrise 455, this coin). Boldly struck and unusually well centred, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

ex Gorny 102, 24 May 2000, lot 342
ex Triton IV, 5 December 2000, lot 331
ex Rauch MBS 8, 1 October 2004, lot 143
ex Tkalec, 24 October 2003, lot 152
ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 804

223 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases V (c. AD 191-207/8). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.51g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 505 SE (AD 193/4). Diademed bust of Vologases V left, hair bundled above diadem and behind ear. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, EΦ (year) above (cf Sellwood 88.10-11; Shore 442 = Sunrise 457, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 2,000

ex Fred B Shore Collection, CNG 36, 5 December 1995, lot 442

224 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases V (c. AD 191-207/8). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.50g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 505 SE (AD 193/4). Diademed bust of Vologases V left, hair bundled above diadem and behind ear. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, EΦ (year) above (cf Sellwood 87.10-11; Shore 442; Sunrise -). Extremely fine. $ 1,500

ex Peus Auction 404, lot 2447

225 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases VI (c. AD 207/8-221/2). Billon Tetradrachm, 7.18g, Seleukeia on the Tigris, 520 SE (AD 208/9). Bust of Vologases VI left, wearing tiara, B behind. Rev. King seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right, holding sceptre, KΦ (year) above (cf Sellwood 88.2; Shore 450; Sunrise 458, this coin). Very fine, no toning. $ 300

226 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases VI (c. AD 207/8-221/2). Silver Drachm, 3.79g, Ekbatana. Bust of Vologases VI left, with pointed beard, wearing tiara, letters behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 88.19; Shore 458; Sunrise 459, this coin). Toned, nearly mint state. $ 200

227 Parthian Kingdom. Vologases VI (c. AD 207/8-221/2). Silver Drachm, 3.83g, Ekbatana. Bust of Vologases VI left, with pointed beard, wearing tiara with crescent and long earflap. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 88.23; Shore -; Sunrise 460, this coin). Toned, nearly mint state. $ 500

228 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos VI (c. AD 212-224/7). Silver Drachm, 3.76g, Ekbatana. Bust of Artabanos VI left, with forked beard, wearing tiara, letters behind. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 89.1 (Artabanos IV); Shore 464 (Artabanos IV); Sunrise 461, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, lustrous surfaces and delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Rare, the last Parthian king.* $ 1,200

229 Parthian Kingdom. Artabanos VI (c. AD 212-224/7). Silver Drachm, 3.63g, Ekbatana. Bust of Artabanos VI left, with forked beard, wearing tiara adorned with star. Rev. Archer seated right on throne, holding bow, monogram below bow (Sellwood 90.1 (Artabanos IV); Shore 467 (Artabanos IV); Sunrise 462, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare variety with the sun on the crown, the last Parthian king.* $ 1,500

THE HISTORY OF PERSIS AND ITS COINAGE
by Bahram Badiyi

The history of Persis and the chronicles of its local kings are shrouded in mystery due to a lack of adequate historical records. The most well-known facts are the lineage of the Sasanian dynasty's first king, Ardashir I, who was the son of Papak and grandson of Sasan, from whom the name of the Sasanian dynasty comes. However, the events of the preceding half millennium are mostly lost, and it is not infrequent that the extent of our knowledge comes from the information that can be gleaned from the coinage.

Istakhr, the capital of Persis and the ancestral capital of Sasanian Iran, had also served as the spiritual capital of the Achaemenid Empire. Istakhr's importance waned after the Islamic conquest, however, and it was devastated in 659 after a brief rebellion of the local Persian aristocracy. All of the city's vital buildings and infrastructure were reduced to rubble, including the eponymous mountain-top reservoir (the name "Istakhr" means "Large Pool"). It is likely that most historical documents and artifacts related to the history of pre-Sasanian Persis were also lost during the course of this destruction.

For nearly five centuries the kings of Persis governed the region stretching from Susiana in southwestern Persia to Sakastan, and controlled the northeastern Persian Gulf littoral. Istakhr served as an important hub in a major commercial network stretching to Sakastan and further into the Sind region. Additionally, having an extensive shore line, Persis profited from maritime trade with India and points further afield. During the Sasanian period, ports such as Rev-Ardashir and Siraf flourished in the region.

The early kings of Persis all carried the title of *fratraka,* which indicated their loyalty to their Seleucid overlords. The language of the early coins from Persis was Aramaic and Persian, which were the administrative languages of the Persian Empire during Achaemenid times. On the earliest issues, the iconography is fully Hellenic, beautifully depicting the facial features, clothing and scenery with a high degree of realism and competence. The headgear, clothing, and other design aspects directly relate to the ideals of Persian Kingship under the Achaemenids, and also to the official state religion, Zoroastrianism. The sacred architecture or temple shown on the reverse is very much inspired from the magnificent religious architecture of Persepolis, Naqsh-e Rustam and Pasargad. The eagle and the standard also depicted on the reverse refer to the Persian military standards and imperial symbols from the past.

As time progressed, the imagery of the coinage became more abstract and representational. On the middle and later issues, the sacred architecture and standards of the early issues is replaced by other Zoroastrian symbols. Additionally, after the overthrow of the Seleucids and the ascendancy of the Parthians, the clothing and headgear aligns more closely with that depicted on Parthian coinage. This, of course, is only natural: Mithridates II of Parthia, the first Parthian monarch to use the title King of Kings, was considered the rightful heir to the Achaemenid Persians, and he stuck a patriotic cord with the kings of Persis.

The feudal system by which the Parthians held their empire as a loose federation of various states allowed greater autonomy for many local kings and war lords. The title of king begins to appear in the later issues on and off, giving the indication that sometimes the claim to power was challenged by the Parthians and sometimes it went on unchallenged. The very late coinage of the Persis kings became the transitional series to the Sasanian Imperial coinage. Ardashir, a native son whose father and grandfather both had served as king and high priest, ended the Parthian over-lordship and created the new Persian Empire under the Sasanian dynasty.

KINGS OF PERSIS

230 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.86g. Head right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. King seated left, wearing long cloak and kyrbasia, holding sceptre and cup, standard to inner left (Klose & Müseler 2/1, this coin illustrated on p.16, 3; Alram 511; Sunrise 557, this coin). A nice bold depression with some doubling as usual, virtually as struck, extremely fine, light grey tone. *Very rare.* $ 15,000

231 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.86g. Head of Bagadat right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. King enthroned left, wearing long cloak and kyrbasia, holding sceptre and cup, standard to inner left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 512; Sunrise 558, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

232 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.94g. Head of Bagadat right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. King enthroned left, wearing long cloak and kyrbasia, holding sceptre and cup, standard to inner left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 513; Sunrise 559, this coin). Delicately toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

233 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.86g. Head of Bagadat right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to outer right (Klose & Müseler 2/3, this coin illustrated on p.21, 6; Alram 515; Sunrise 560, this coin). A bold deep impression in high relief with a marvelous portrait of the king, delicately toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 7,500

234 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.11g. Head of Bagadat right, with short beard, moustache and earring, wearing kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to outer right (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 516; Sunrise 561, this coin). Virtually as struck in high relief, underlying lustre and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare, this is the finest example known.* $ 4,000

235 Kingdom of Persis. Bagadat (early 3rd Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.8g. Head of Bagadat right, wearing Kyrbasia with flaps tied behind. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, standard to right (Klose & Müseler 2/5; Tyler-Smith, Parcel -; Alram -; Sunrise -). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

236 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.98g. Head of Artaxerxes I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to right (cf Klose & Müseler 2/9 (legend); Alram 520; Sunrise 562, this coin). A fantastic coin, boldly struck and needle sharp on a smooth planchet of excellent metal, delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Rare, this is the finest example known.* $ 25,000

237 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes I (3rd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.84g. Head of Artaxerxes I right, with moustache, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to right (Klose & Müseler 2/7; Alram 523; Sunrise 563, this coin). Boldly struck with underlying lustre, pleasing iridescent toning, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

238 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes I (3rd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.14g. Head of Artaxerxes I right, with moustache, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to right (cf Klose & Müseler 2/7; Alram 523; Sunrise 564, this coin). Well struck and well centred with full inscriptions, nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 1,500

239 Kingdom of Persis. Orbozos (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.95g. Head of Orbozos right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, standard to outer right, Γ (retrograde) to inner left (Klose & Müseler 2/11, this coin illustrated on p.26, 15; Alram 526; Sunrise 565, this coin). Well struck with a deep impression and full inscriptions, nice old cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 7,500

240 Kingdom of Persis. Orbozos (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.95g. Head of Orbozos right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, standard to outer right, Γ (retrograde) to inner left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 526; Sunrise 566, this coin). A magnificent specimen, well struck in high relief with a portrait of exceptional quality and clarity, delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare and probably the finest example extant.* $ 15,000

Of great interest is the portrait of this king of Persis, and the fire altar on the reverse, an object of worship in Mazdaism, a Persian religion of which Persis was the centre of worship.

ex Superior Galleries, December 1992, New York, lot 2219

241 Kingdom of Persis. Orbozos (3rd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.24g. Head of Orbozos right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. King standing right, preparing to slay captive Greek warrior (Alram -; Alram, *Neue* pl. 20, 7 = Peus 316 (5 November 1986), 316 (same rev. die); Klose & Müseler 2/16b and p.27, 18 = Sunrise 567, this coin). Well struck with explicit detail and full inscriptions, attracitve light toning, extremely fine. *One of just two known specimens of which this is the finest.* $ 25,000

242 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.25g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda; above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to inner right (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 540 and 542; Sunrise 568, this coin). Boldly struck with a nice deep impression over an earlier issue. Delicate mottled toning choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

purchased from Professor Edvard Josef, 1988

243 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.45g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to inner right (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 540 and 542 (legend); Sunrise 569, this coin). Boldly struck with the portrait in very high relief, virtually as struck, no toning but underlying luste, nearly mint state. *Rare.* $ 7,500

244 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.35g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to inner right (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 540 and 542 (legend); Sunrise 570, this coin). A bold deep impression with an outstanding portrait in high relief, lightly toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 4,000

245 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.57g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to inner left, king standing right, standard to inner right (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 542; Sunrise 571, this coin). Boldly struck with the portrait of the king in very high relief, overstruck on an earlier issue, lightly toned with underlying lustre, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 7,500

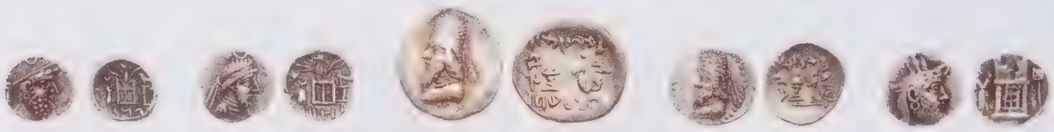
246 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.63g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, standard to inner right (Sunrise 572, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Deep concave impression, toned, very fine. *Unique.* $ 300

247 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates I (3rd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.42g. Head of Autophradates I right, with moustache and earring, wearing diadem and kyrbasia. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, being crowned by Nike standing behind him, standard to inner right (Alram 544; Klose & Müseler p.32, 27 = Sunrise 573, this coin). A deep impression and concave in appearance, lightly toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

248 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates II (early to mid 2nd Century BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.29g. Bearded head of Autophradates II right, wearing diadem and kyrbasia adorned with eagle. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, to right, eagle standing left on standard (Alram 546; Klose & Müseler 3/1, p.41, 28 = Sunrise 574, this coin). Well struck in high relief, pleasing medium tone, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 8,000

249 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates II (early to mid 2nd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.99g. Bearded head of Autophradates II right, wearing diadem and kyrbasia adorned with eagle. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda; above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, to right, eagle standing left on standard (Klose & Müseler 3/2; Alram 547; Sunrise 575, this coin). One of the last coins struck from this die, noted by the metal flow behind the king's head, toned, choice very fine. $ 200

250 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates II (early to mid 2nd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.23g. Bearded head of Autophradates II right, wearing diadem and kyrbasia adorned with eagle. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, to right, eagle standing left on standard (Klose & Müseler 3/2; Alram 547; Sunrise 576, this coin). Attractively toned, choice very fine. $ 200



251 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates II (early to mid 2nd Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.73g. Bearded head of Autophradates II right, wearing diadem and kyrbasia adorned with eagle. Rev. Fire temple of Ahura-Mazda, above, half-figure of Ahura-Mazda, to left, king standing right, to right, standard (Klose & Müseler 3/4; Alram 549; Sunrise 577, this coin); Dareios I (2nd Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.67g (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 559; Sunrise 584, this coin); Autophradates IV (1st Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.65g (Klose & Müseler 4/3; Alram 563 (Vadfradad III); Sunrise 588, this coin); Dareios II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.04g, and Silver Obol, 0.72g (Klose & Müseler 4/5, 4/6; Alram 565, 566; Tyler-Smith 5-8, 31; Sunrise 591, 592, these coins). All well struck and well centred, mostly toned, extremely fine. (5) $ 500

252 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King I (2nd Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.12g. Head of Uncertain King I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by eagle. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, standard surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 3/6; Alram 552; Sunrise 578, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

253 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King I (2nd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.13g. Head of Uncertain King I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by eagle and crescent; rosette before. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, standard surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 3/9; Alram NB1; Sunrise 579, this coin). Well struck in high relief, lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 800

254 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King I (2nd Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.64g. Head of Uncertain King I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by eagle and crescent, rosette before. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, standard surmounted by eagle (NAP 580, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Struck in high relief and lustrous, delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 150

255 Kingdom of Persis. Dareios I (2nd Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.01g. Head of Dareios I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by crescent. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 555; Sunrise 581, this coin). Well struck in high relief, no toning, superb extremely fine. $ 200

256 Kingdom of Persis. Dareios I (2nd Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g. Head of Dareios I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by crescent. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 3/10; Alram 557; Sunrise 582, this coin). Boldly struck in high relief, no toning, nearly mint state. $ 1,200

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257 Kingdom of Persis. Dareios I (2nd Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.07g. Head of Dareios I right, with short beard, wearing diadem and kyrbasia surmounted by crescent. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 3/11; Alram 558; Sunrise 583, this coin). Well struck in high relief, no toning, superb extremely fine. $ 200

258 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates IV (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.09g. Bearded bust of Autophradates IV right, wearing diadem, crescent above. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, raising arms, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 4/1; Alram 561 (Vadfradad III); Sunrise 585, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred with underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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259 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates IV (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.98g. Bearded bust of Autophradates IV right, wearing diadem, crescent above. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, raising arms, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 4/1; Alram 561 (Vadfradad III); Sunrise 586, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, some light mottled toning within the devices, superb extremely fine. $ 500

260 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates IV (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.03g. Bearded bust of Autophradates IV right, wearing diadem, crescent above. Rev. Fire temple, Ahura-Mazda above, to left, king standing right, raising arms, to right, column surmounted by eagle (Klose & Müseler 4/2; Alram 562 (Vadfradad III); Sunrise 587, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

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261 Kingdom of Persis. Darios II (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.82g, type 1c. Bearded bust of Dareios II left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with crescent and three rows of pellets. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/4; Alram 564; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 589, this coin). Perfectly centred and toned, about extremely fine. $ 250

262 Kingdom of Persis. Darios II (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.23g, type 1c. Bearded bust of Dareios II left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with crescent and three rows of pellets. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/4; Alram 564; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 590, this coin). Attractive light toning, choice very fine. $ 200

ex Peus, Auction 368, 25-28 April 2001, lot 316

263 Kingdom of Persis. Darios II (1st Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.6g. Bearded bust of Darios II left, wearing Parthian-style tiara decorated with a crescent, triskeles(?) behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar(?) (Alram -; Klose & Müseler -; Sunrise -). Extremely fine. *Unpublished and unique.* $ 500

264 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, type 1. Bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem, monogram behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/9; Alram 568; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 593, this coin). Outstanding portrait struck in high relief, underlying lustre and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

ex Peus 386, 26 April 2006, lot 322

265 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.03g, type 1. Bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem, monogram behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Sunrise 594, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Well struck and well centred, toned, choice very fine. $ 750

266 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.99g, type 1a. Small bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with three ties, torque with three segments, and mural crown; no symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/12b; Alram 571; Tyler-Smith 42-6; Sunrise 595, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

267 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.64g, type 1a. Small bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with three ties, torque with three segments, and mural crown, no symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/13; Alram 572; Tyler-Smith 74-7; Sunrise 596, this coin); Oxathres I (1st Century BC to 1st Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.64g, and Silver Hemidrachm, 1.98g (Klose & Müseler 4/19, 4/21; Alram 581, 586; cf Tyler-Smith 118-21 (torque), -; Sunrise 604, 606, these coins); Pakor I (1st Century AD). Silver Obol (2), 0.50g and 0.57g (Klose & Müseler 4/29; Alram 598 (Pakor II); Tyler-Smith 179-81 (Pakor II); Sunrise 609, this coin, and 610, this coin, otherwise unpublished with radiate border on the obverse). Each nicely toned, generally choice very fine to extremely fine. (5) $ 500

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268 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.04g, type 1c. Large bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with two ties, torque with two segments, and mural crown with two towers, no symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (NAP 597, this coin, otherwise unpublished with two-towered mural crown). Well struck and bold, light mottled toning, choice very fine. $ 200

269 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Drachm, 4.08g, type 1d. Large bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with four ties, torque with four segments, and mural crown, symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/10; Alram 570; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 598, this coin). Boldly struck, cleaned and toned., extremely fine. $ 200

270 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.97g, type 1d. Large bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with two ties, torque with three segments, and mural crown, symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler 4/12a; Alram 574; Tyler-Smith 68-9; Sunrise 599, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

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271 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes II (1st Century BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.03g, type 1d. Large bust of Artaxerxes II left, with short beard, wearing diadem with three ties, torque with three segments, and mural crown, star above symbol behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram -; Tyler-Smith 62; Sunrise 600, this coin). Light grey tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 150

272 Kingdom of Persis. Oxathres I (1st Century BC to 1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.79g, type 1. Bearded bust of Oxathres I left, wearing diadem with three ties and torque with four segments, triskeles before. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 579; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 601, this coin). Boldly struck with a marvelous portrait of the king, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

273 Kingdom of Persis. Oxathres I (1st Century BC to 1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.85g, type 1. Bearded bust of Oxathres I left, wearing diadem with three ties and torque with four segments, crescent(?) before. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 579; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 602, this coin). Bold portrait in high relief, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

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274 Kingdom of Persis. Oxathres I (1st Century BC to 1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.22g, type 1. Bearded bust of Oxathres I left, wearing diadem with three ties and torque with three segments, monogram behind. Rev. King standing left, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 580; Tyler-Smith 114-5; Sunrise 603, this coin). Light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 200

275 Kingdom of Persis. Oxathres I (1st Century BC to 1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 4.27g, type 2. Bearded bust of Oxathres I left, wearing diadem with two ties and torque with three segments, monogram behind. Rev. King standing right, holding sceptre and sacrificing before altar to right (Klose & Müseler 4/20; Alram 585; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 605, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

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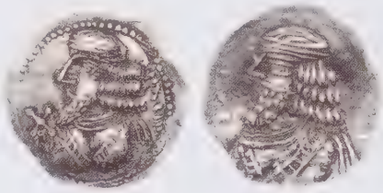
276 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor I (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.69g. Bearded bust of Pakor I left, wearing diadem. Rev. Triskeles (Klose & Müseler 4/27; Alram 596 (Pakor II); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 607, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. $ 200

277 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor I (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.03g. Bearded bust of Pakor I left, wearing diadem. Rev. Triskeles (Klose & Müseler 4/28; Alram 597 (Pakor II); Tyler-Smith 178 (Pakor II); Sunrise 608, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

278 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor I (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.71g. Bearded bust of Pakor I left, wearing tiara, behind, eagle standing left crowning king with diadem held in its beak. Rev. Eagle flying left, holding diadem in its beak (Klose & Müseler -; Alram -; Tyler-Smith -; cf BMC Arabia p.231, 1 (on obverse, no eagle, star to left); Peus 371 (24 April 2002), 223; Sunrise 611, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare, one of only two known.* $ 400

279 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor I (1st Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.67g. Bearded bust of Pakor I left, wearing tiara, behind, eagle standing left crowning king with diadem held in its beak. Rev. Eagle flying left, holding diadem in its beak (Sunrise 612, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 400



280 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 4.05g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem, monogram to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 588 (Pakor I; monogram); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 613, this coin). Boldly struck on a nice broad flan, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

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281 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.69g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem, star-in-crescent to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 588 (Pakor I; no symbol on obv.); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 614, this coin). Virtually as struck on a nice broad flan, extremely fine, no toning. $ 300

ex Peus 388, 1 November 2006, lot 250

282 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.89g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem, flower(?) to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 588 (Pakor I; no symbol on obv.); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 615, this coin). Boldly struck on a nice broad flan, toned, extremely fine. $ 300

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283 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.90g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 4/32; Alram 589 (Pakor I); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 616, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

284 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.88g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem, small annulet before chin (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 592 (Pakor I); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 617, this coin). Toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 200

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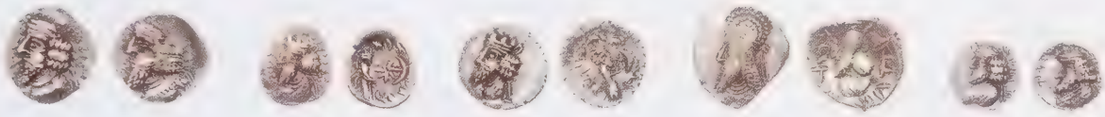
285 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.77g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem, anchor to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram -; Tyler-Smith -; CNG 70, 446; Sunrise 618, this coin). Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. *Extremely rare with anchor symbol.* $ 150

286 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.15g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem, two pellets(?) to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Sunrise 619, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200



287 Kingdom of Persis. Pakor II (1st Century AD). Silver Obol (2), 0.54g and 0.56g. Bearded bust of Pakor II left, wearing diadem. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -, 4/37; Alram 594 (Pakor I) (2); Tyler-Smith 153, 167 (Pakor I); Sunrise 620, 621, these coins); Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Obol (2), 0.62g and 0.68g (Klose & Müseler 4/41a, 4/41b; Alram 602 (2); cf Tyler-Smith 184-6 (2); Sunrise 627, 628, these coins); Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.51g (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 613; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 637, this coin). . All well struck and nicely toned, extremely fine. *Last very rare without crescent on tiara.* (5) $ 500

288 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.51g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown. Rev. King standing right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 599 (obv. legend); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 622, this coin, otherwise unpublished without name in obverse legend). Boldly struck with attractive light iridescent toning, superb extremely fine. $ 400

289 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.84g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, annulet to left. Rev. King standing right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 600; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 623, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

290 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.07g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown. Rev. King standing right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler 4/40; Alram 601; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 624, this coin). Boldly struck and perfectly centred, attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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291 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.64g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown. Rev. King standing right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler 4/40; Alram 601; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 625, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 150

292 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.18g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, trefoil of pellets to left. Rev. King standing right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler 4/40; cf Alram 601 (no trefoil on obv.); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 626, this coin). Choice very fine, no toning. *Very rare.* $ 150

293 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.89g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, uncertain symbol to left. Rev. King standing left, star in crescent to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 603; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 629, this coin). Boldly struck with underlying lustre, nicely toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

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294 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.43g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, uncertain symbol to left. Rev. King standing left; star in crescent to left (Klose & Müseler 4/42; Alram 604; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 630, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

295 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 4.18g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, annulet to left. Rev. Star in crescent (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 605; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 631, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. *Very rare with annulet.* $ 500

296 Kingdom of Persis. Nambed (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.24g. Bearded bust of Nambed left, wearing diadem and mural crown, floral symbol(?) to left. Rev. Star in crescent (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 606; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 632, this coin). Lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

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297 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.72g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent, uncertain symbol to left, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem, star in crescent to left (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 609; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 633, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

298 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 4.00g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king right, star in crescent to right (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 611 (Hemidrachm); Tyler-Smith -; Peus 388, 260; Sunrise 634, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 300

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299 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.71g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with crescent, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 4/48c; Alram 612; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 635, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 400

300 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.82g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent, star in crescent before beard, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 4/48b; Alram 612; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 636, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, attractive light iridescent toning, superb extremely fine. $ 400

ex Tkalec & Rauch 51, 16 November 1987, lot 189
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 12 January 2004, lot 545

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301 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.68g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with two rows of pellets and central pellet-in-crescent, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 613; Tyler-Smith 194-5; Sunrise 638, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. *Very rare with pellet border on obverse.* $ 200

302 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.80g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with two rows of pellets, pellet border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 613; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 639, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

303 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.53g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem with one loop tie and Parthian-style tiara with two rows of pellets around pellet, no border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 4/50; Alram 614; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 640, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 150

304 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Obol (2), 0.53g and 0.42g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem with one loop tie and Parthian-style tiara with three rows of pellets; no border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -, -; Alram 614 (2); Tyler-Smith 199 (same dies), 205; Sunrise 641, 642, these coins); Uncertain King II (1st Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm (2), 1.25g and 1.45g, Silver Obol (3), 0.50g, 0.39g and 0.39g (Klose & Müseler -, -, -, 4/60c, 4/63; cf Alram 619 (2), 620 (2), 622; cf Tyler-Smith 212 (no pellets behind bust) (2), 216, -, 220-1; Sunrise 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, these coins). All well struck and well centred, lightly toned, generally choice very fine to extremely fine. (7) $ 700

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305 Kingdom of Persis. Kapat (1st Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.62g. Bearded bust of Kapat left, wearing diadem with one loop tie and Parthian-style tiara with two rows of pellets, pellet-in-crescent to left, no border. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 614; Tyler-Smith 204; Sunrise 643, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 150

306 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.21g, type 1. Bearded bust of Uncertain King II left, wearing diadem with two loop ties and Parthian-style tiara decorated with two rows of pellets enclosing pellet-in-crescent, triskeles to right. Rev. Diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 618; Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 644, this coin). Well struck and well centred with an attractive light iridescent tone, superb extremely fine. $ 150

307 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King II (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.56g, type 1. Bearded bust of Uncertain King II left, wearing diadem with two loop ties and Parthian-style tiara decorated with three rows of pellets enclosing pellet. Rev. Diadem (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 618 (tiara type); Tyler-Smith -; Sunrise 645, this coin). Boldly struck, well centred and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 400

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308 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates V (1st Century AD). Silver Diobol, 1.38g. Bearded bust of Autophradates V left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bust of king left, hair in bunch above, wearing diadem, triskeles to right (NAP 651, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 200

309 Kingdom of Persis. Autophradates V (1st Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.89g. Bearded bust of Autophradates V left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with two pellet-in-crescents. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem (NAP 652, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Cleaned and lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 200

310 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir I (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.27g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir I left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 5/4; Alram 627; Sunrise 653, this coin). Boldly struck in high relief, nearly mint state, no toning. $ 400

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311 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir I (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.54g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir I left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 5/5; Alram 628; Sunrise 654, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 200

312 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes III (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.74g. Bust of Artaxerxes III left, wearing diadem, triskeles to right. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 629; Sunrise 655, this coin). Faintly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 400

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313 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes III (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.68g. Bust of Artaxerxes III left, wearing diadem, crescent (with star?) to right. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler 5/8; Alram 630; Sunrise 656, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 200

314 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes III (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.95g. Bust of Artaxerxes III left, wearing diadem. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem, triskeles to right (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 631; Sunrise 657, this coin). Perfectly centred on both sides, light grey tone, nearly extremely fine. $ 200

315 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes III (1st to 2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm (2), 1.41g and 0.40g. Bust of Artaxerxes III left, wearing diadem, star-in-crescent to left. Rev. Radiate bust of Mithra left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler - and cf 5/11; cf Alram 633 (star-in-crescent to right), -; Sunrise 658, 659, these coins); Manuchtir II (2nd Century AD). Silver Obol (2), 0.61g and 0.69g (Klose & Müseler 5/12A, cf 5/15-7 (Drachm and Hemidrachms); Alram 638, 642 (Drachm); Sunrise 663, 667, these coins, second otherwise unpublished as an Obol); Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Obol (3), 0.40g, 0.47g and 0.42g, and Silver Hemidrachm, 1.24g (Klose & Müseler 5/21, p.87, 5/21, -, 5/23; Alram 649, 649 (obverse symbol listed as "star-in-crescent"), 650 (Drachm), 652; Sunrise 676, 679, 682 (otherwise unpublished as an Obol), 686, these coins). All well struck and well centred, each delicately toned, extremely fine. (8) $ 800

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316 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir II (2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.96g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir II left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bust (of Manuchtir I?) left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 634; Sunrise 660, this coin). Boldly struck with two excellent portraits, underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

317 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir II (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.60g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir II left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 635; Sunrise 661, this coin). Superb extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

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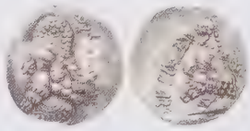
318 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir II (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.39g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir II left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 635; Sunrise 662, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

319 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King III (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.34g. Bearded bust of Uncertain King III left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with three pellets-in-crescent. Rev. Figure standing left, holding uncertain object (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 641 (diadem type); Sunrise 664, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 300

320 Kingdom of Persis. Uncertain King III (2nd Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.50g. Bearded bust of Uncertain King III left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. King(?) standing left, holding uncertain object (cf Klose & Müseler 5/14 (Hemidrachm); Tyler-Smith, Parcel -; cf Alram 641 (Hemidrachm); cf Sunrise 664 (Hemidrachm). Choice very fine. *Rare, unpublished as an Obol.* $ 200

321 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir III (2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.37g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir III left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir II?) left, wearing diadem and Phrygian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler 5/15; Alram 642; Sunrise 665, this coin). Struck on a nice broad flan, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500



322 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir III (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.19g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir III left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir II?) left, wearing diadem and Phrygian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler 5/16; cf Alram 642 (Drachm); Sunrise 666, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 300

323 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir III (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.46g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir III left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara decorated with crescent, triskeles to right. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir II?) left, wearing diadem and Phrygian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 644; Sunrise 668, this coin). Well struck with both portraits well defined, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 400

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324 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir IV (2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.31g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III?) left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 646 (Manuchtir III); Sunrise 669, this coin). Well struck on a broad flan, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

325 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir IV (2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.00g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III?) left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 646 (Manuchtir III); Sunrise 670, this coin). Well struck and well centred on a broad flan, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

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326 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir IV (2nd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.16g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III?) left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 646 (no pellet in legend; Manuchtir III); Sunrise 671, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 500

327 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir IV (2nd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.65g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III?) left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler 5/18; cf Alram 646 (drachm; Manuchtir III); Sunrise 672, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

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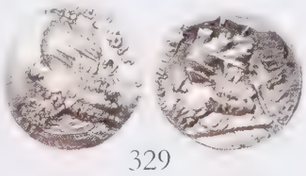
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328 Kingdom of Persis. Manuchtir IV (2nd Century AD). Silver Obol, 0.57g. Bearded bust of Manuchtir IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III?) left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 646 (drachm; Manuchtir III); Sunrise 673, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 150

329 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.96g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler 5/19; Alram 647; Sunrise 674, this coin). Underlying lustre, superb extremely fine, no toning. $ 300

330 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.44g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 648; Sunrise 675, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 150

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331 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 3.24g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, pellet-in-crescent at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 647 (obv. symbol listed as "star-in-crescent"; Sunrise 677, this coin). Well struck toned, about extremely fine. $ 300

332 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.39g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, pellet-in-crescent at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler 5/20; Alram 648 (obv. symbol listed as "star-in-crescent"; Sunrise 678, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 200

333 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.82g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, trefoil of pellets at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 650; Sunrise 680, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 200

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334 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.34g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, trefoil of pellets at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust (of Manuchtir III/IV?) left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 650 (Drachm); Sunrise 681, this coin, otherwise unpublished as a Hemidrachm). Cleaned, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 200

335 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.77g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, monogram to right. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler 5/22; Alram 651; Sunrise 683, this coin). Cleaned, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 400

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336 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 1.93g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, monogram(?) to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem and mural crown, rays above (Klose & Müseler 5/22; Alram 651; Sunrise 684, this coin). Virtually as struck with little actual wear, light grey tone, extremely fine. $ 300

337 Kingdom of Persis. Artaxerxes IV (late 2nd to early 3rd Century AD). Silver Drachm, 2.66g. Bearded bust of Artaxerxes IV left, wearing diadem, hair in bunch above, monogram to left. Rev. Bearded bust of king left, wearing diadem and mural crown, no rays above (Klose & Müseler -; cf Alram 651 (rays above crown on rev.); Sunrise 685, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 300

338 Kingdom of Persis. Shahpur, son of Papak (c. AD 200-209). Silver Drachm, 3.63g. Bearded bust of Shahpur left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara. Rev. Bearded bust of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with leaf ornament (Klose & Müseler -; Alram 654; Saeedi 1; Sunrise 687, this coin). Well struck on a nice broad flan, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely rare, this the finest known example.* $ 9,000

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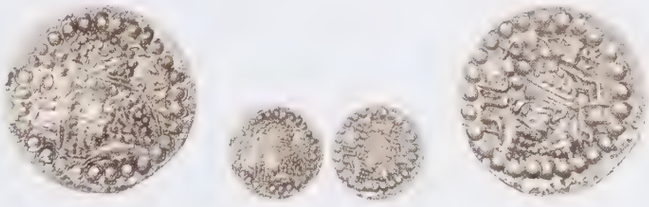
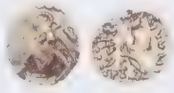
339 Kingdom of Persis. Shahpur, son of Papak (c. AD 200-209). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.79g. Bearded bust of Shahpur left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara, trefoil of pellets at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with leaf ornament; trefoil of pellets at forehead (Klose & Müseler 6/1; Alram 655; Saeedi 3; Sunrise 688, this coin). Well struck and quite crisp, delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare and probably the finest example to exist.* $ 3,000



340 Kingdom of Persis. Shahpur, son of Papak (c. AD 200-209). Silver Obol, 0.63g. Bearded bust of Shahpur left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara, trefoil of pellets at forehead. Rev. Bearded bust of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with leaf ornament, trefoil of pellets at forehead (Klose & Müseler 6/2; Alram -; Saeedi 4; Sunrise 689, this coin). Remarkably well struck, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare, probably the finest specimen extant.* $ 1,000



341 Kingdom of Persis(?). Uncertain (1st to 3rd Century BC). Silver Obol, 0.53g. Half-length bust half left, wearing diadem and tiara with crescent, unclear letters or symbols to right. Rev. Figure seated right on throne, holding uncertain object, illegible legend around (Sunrise 690, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Well struck and well centred, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. *Unique.* $ 500

A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE SASANIAN EMPIRE OF PERSIA

by Bahram Badiyi

The Sasanian Empire of Persia lasted nearly four and a half centuries, and was the third such empire after the Achaemenid and Parthian based on the Iranian Plateau. It controlled a vast area from Mesopotamia to India, and from Caucasia to Yemen. Sasanian Persia remained the only civilized force against the eastward expansion of the Roman, and later Byzantine, Empires. The two powers would negotiate long term and lasting treaties as well as engage in almost continual warfare for decades. These conflicts, even though deadly, were never decisive enough to defeat the other power; yet they proved to be erosive and destructive, both economically and politically, such that on the eve of the Islamic Conquest at the beginning 7th century AD neither Persia nor Byzantium could forcefully defend itself against the new force arising from Arabia. Byzantium lost all its important territories in the Near East including Egypt, while the Sasanian Empire was overthrown and Persia itself was completely overrun by Arabs committed and strengthened by their new-found faith in Islam.

Sasanian Iran left a lasting legacy in politics, religion, military sciences, art, architecture and literature. While it is impossible to discuss each of these achievements in detail in such a short essay as this, as part of the introduction for this prestigious catalogue for Sasanian coins from The Sunrise Collection, we will attempt to summarize the history of this period through the reigns of the known thirty kings of this dynasty of whom we have identifiable coins.

Ardashir I confronted his rivals and destroyed them one by one. These rivals were various powerful families and clans in the southern region of Persis which extended from Susiana to Sakastan in present-day southern Iran. Once his rivals were defeated, Ardashir challenged his Parthian overlord, the Great King, Artabanos VI. In a battle at the field of Hormozdgan near the present-day city of Ahwaz in southwest Iran, Ardashir defeated Artabanos, thus ending the Parthian Kingdom which had lasted nearly five centuries. While many of the Parthian princes fled, the powerful families pledged their loyalty to the new king, forming the backbone of the aristocracy of the newly founded Sasanian Empire.

Shapur I engaged Rome on several occasions, inflicting heavy casualties and defeat upon their armies. The emperor Gordian III was killed, Philip the Arab was defeated and forced to sign a treaty which strongly favored Persia, and finally the emperor Valerian I was defeated and captured, being forced to prostrate himself before Shapur as shown in the famous rock carving at Naqsh-e Rostam.

The coinage design of Ardashir I and Shapur I laid the foundation for the pattern of Sasanian coinage. The obverse of Ardashir's coins shows the royal portrait facing to the right (as opposed to the general pattern of Parthian coins which depicted the ruler facing to the left) surrounded by linear text. Shapur's reverse shows a standing fire altar with two attendants, even though the attendant's appearance and pose often changes over time. Another feature that first appears on Shapur's coinage is the use of various monograms on the reverese, which eventually becoming standardized as the "Sun and the Moon" or the "Star and Crescent" motifs on either side of the fire altar flames for the last two centuries of the empire's coinage. Similar to the monograms of Shapur I, dots singly or in groups of two or three began to appear on the obverse and reverse of Ardashir's coins. Dots continued to make their appearances in various short or long intervals during the entire time that Sasanian coinage continued. Göbl believed that the dots were meaningful symbols similar to those used in Vedic religions.

The construction of the city of Jundi-Shapur in the Khuzestan Province of Iran has been attributed to Shapur I. There he settled many Roman prisoners and established a major medical library and hospital. It was often Christians who headed these institutions, given their skills in Medicine in the classical world. The magnificent medical library, until it was burned by the conquering Arab force who took the city in 7th century AD, was only rivaled by the library of Alexandria. There are various reports by Arab historians after the Islamic conquest that the texts kept in this library had been translated and put together by the order of Ardashir I, and contained medical texts from as far afield as China, India, and the classical west. The loss of this library gave the medical field an incalculable setback.

Hormizd I succeeded his father, Shapur I. He ruled for only a year. Several Islamic Persian and Arab historians have a number of interesting stories regarding Hormizd. One which is most striking is his edict to exclude himself and his successors from participating in any commerce given the unfair balance in influence that the royal house could wield. Most historians of the Islamic period attribute the city of Raam Hormizd as his final resting place.

Bahram I was another son of Shapur I and the brother of Hormizd I, who came to power after the sudden death of his brother. He had the prophet Mani arrested and executed, then began the persecution of Mani's followers. This action strengthened his support among both the Zoroastrian priesthood and the military elites of Sasanian Iran.

Bahram became embroiled with his powerful neighbor, Rome, over the city of Palmyra, which was playing the two empires against each other. Eventually, the Roman emperor Aurelian destroyed the city, killing its queen Zenobia who had dreamed of military alliance with Persia. Aurelian concluded a peace treaty with Bahram, not out of any fear of Persian retaliation but rather to avoid becoming engaged in an extended conflict that would have disrupted trade benefiting both empires.

One of the interesting facts about Bahram I often mentioned in histories of his reign is his use of a unique radiate crown which is based on Mithraic religion. Both Anahit and Mithra played important roles as deities that aided Ahura-Mazdah in his fight against evil (Ahriman) and were often represented as patron deities of various Sasanian kings on coinage as well as rock carvings.

The coinage of Hormizd I and Bahram I give us the next major development in Sasanian coinage, the use of multiple line legends on the obverse.

Bahram II came to throne after the death of his father, Bahram I. His accession was not without opposition from several quarters, such as from his brother Bahram III, which led to internal strife and civil war, but Bahram eventually established a firm rule. His coinage provides us a final major development, the inclusion of the images of other members of royal family such as the queen and the crown prince.

Narseh was another son of Shapur I and the great-uncle of Bahram II, and succeeded the throne after the death of Barham. He was an able politician and commander, and having served as governor of Armenia and the Caucasian region, he was well versed in Romano-Persian relations. Given this experience, when conflict came he soundly defeated the Romans under the command of Diocletian's general, Galerius, but was later defeated himself by this same Roman general in a second round of conflict, which led him to give up his previous conquests. Various historians have attributed the construction of several cities - among them Takrit in present day Iraq - to Narseh. Narseh abdicated power in favor of his son Hormizd II.

Hormizd II, Narseh's son, was considered to be just but stern ruler. Historians credit him with establishing an efficient regulation of the water supply which greatly expanded agricultural production. During his reign the southern shores of Persian Gulf were attacked by Arab pirates from Bahrain, but it appears that Hormizd had little success in curbing the chaos caused by them. In one of these campaigns he was either wounded or became seriously ill, and after a long period he died, leaving the crown to his unborn son, Shapur II.

Hormizd II's coinage introduced the figure of Ahura-Mazdah, or God in the flame, of the fire altar. The depiction of Ahura-Mazdah is similar to the figure of king, but without crown and with a diadem as it appears on gold dinars of the middle period of Sasanian rule. The figure is shown either facing right or left, and can be interpreted as being the voice of the divine. Nizam-Al Mulk, the Persian Grand Vizier of the Seljuq shahs, mentions in his *Seyasat-nameh,* or *The Book of Government - Rules for the Kings,* that below the fire altar there existed chambers where texts or hymns were sung aloud for those on the level above to hear and receive the impression that the fire was speaking to them, relating the story of rise and fall of Mazdak. Otherwise Hormizd's coinage follows already established designs of Sasanian coinage, with two notable exceptions: the issuance of a double dinar (a single specimen in Hermitage collection), and a drachm found in this collection sporting an unusual double border on the obverse.

Shapur II is perhaps one of the most well-known kings of the Sasanian dynasty. His long reign, which lasted seven decades, as well as his military prowess, gained him the title of "the Great." He ruled contemporary with ten different Roman emperors, and several aspects of his reign had lasting consequences:

Shapur resumed hostilities with Rome, which lasted several decades and inflicted major damage to Roman power, including the death of the Roman emperor, Julian the Apostate. Under his rule, Persia became a far more threatening menace which kept the Roman Empire at bay. The Sasanians became much more capable militarily, with specialized forces capable of organized training, siege warfare, and civil engineering. Furthermore, given the growing military threat from Persia, Constantine the Great selected Constantinople, formerly known as Byzantium, located on the shore of the Sea of Marmara, as his new capital.

Shapur decisively ended the Arab pirate raids that had been devastating the coastal regions of the Persian Gulf by destroying the pirates and creating a strong naval and military presence in the region. In the long run, this exploration with naval warfare gave Sasanian Persia the power to project force all the way to Yemen and even to Constantinople if necessary. Shapur's defeat of the Arabs also brought them into the sphere of Persian influence, which later served to counter the influence of Byzantium.

Shapur resoundingly defeated the Kushans such that their empire never recovered. This was a strategic operation which eliminated the threat of a growing alliance between Rome and the Kushans, thereby preventing Persia from easily being attacked from two directions.

Under Shapur, there was a sudden shift of attitude by the Sasanian government toward the Christian communities in Iran. This was due to Constantine the Great making Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire. From this point forward Christians, who had always been sheltered from persecution in Sasanian society, were seen as a fifth column of the enemy who could perhaps tilt the balance in favor of Rome during times of war between the two powers. It took a long time for the Christians of Sasanian Iran to totally separate themselves from Roman Christians and to fall out of suspicion by the Sasanian administration. These Nestorian communities, even though ravaged by the recent wars in the region, have been able to survive in western Iran and parts of Iraq to this day.

Given the change in attitude toward the Christian communities under Shapur, the status of the Jewish population of the region improved and became stronger. In fact, whenever conflict developed between Rome and Persia, Persia could count on support from the Jewish community who had suffered under Christian Rome. The Sasanian occupation of both Jerusalem and

Alexandria in Egypt during the campaigns of Khosrau II provides much evidence as to the friendly relations between the Jews and Persians.

Ardashir II was the brother Shapur II who came to throne after his brother's lengthy reign. It would have been difficult for anyone succeeding Shapur to measure up to the level of strength and stability that he attained by his seventy-year reign. After a short period on the throne, Ardashir begin clashing with his court members as well as the priesthood. He imprisoned and killed many of his opponents. The conflict with Rome took an important turn as the turmoil in Armenia created a proxy war between the Roman-installed king and the Sasanian-supported military leader of Armenia. Ardashir provided the first Persian military contingent to be permanently stationed in Armenia to oppose any Roman intervention, an action that played an important role in the future Perso-Byzantine conflict over Armenia, Colchis, and Daghestan.

As a result of Ardashir's strained relations with his courtiers and priesthood, he was ousted from power and replaced by the son of Shapur II, Shapur III, after a short reign of only four years.

Ardashir's coinage is noted for introducing the mint, in abbreviated form, on either side of the flames of fire altar. Hitherto, some mint locations, such as Marw, were noted on coins of Shapur I and Bahram I (e.g., see the gold dinars in this collection). Under Hormizd II, the mint abbreviation normally appeared below the fire altar, and under Shapur II, it was placed either behind the crown or before the portrait on the obverse, or to either side of the fire altar post on the reverse.

Shapur III ascended the throne after his uncle was deposed. He reestablished some measure of stability within the court and priesthood after the tumultuous reign of his uncle, leading to a relatively peaceful period for most of the empire internally. As for his external relations with Rome, Shapur III concluded a peace treaty over Armenia. This treaty divided Armenia into two zones of influence, that under Persian control known as Persarmenia. Shapur's death seems to have been caused by an accident where the royal tent collapsed on him. However, it has also been suggested that he was either assassinated, or that he was peacefully deposed by Bahram IV.

Bahram IV was either the brother or the son of Shapur III. His crown is particularly intriguing, containing elements of the crowns of both Shapur II and that of his great-grandfather, Bahram II, and his drachms were extensively copied by the peoples bordering the eastern regions of his empire, such as the Kidarites. Important aspects of his coinage were the introduction of the facing portrait within the main system of Sasanian coinage (Ardashir I had also employed a facing portrait on his last series of pre-imperial issues from Persis), and his re-utilization of the free-standing fire altar. Also, except for the occasional rare instance where it was placed behind the crown on the obverse, the mint abbreviation now appears systematically on the reverse in various forms in and around the fire altar.

Yazdgird I was the son of Bahram IV who acceded to throne upon his father's assassination. Perhaps because he witnessed the rapid succession of three kings in just sixteen years, Yazdgird attempted to mitigate the influence of the societal forces which had caused it, that is, the Zoroastrian priesthood and the nobility loyal to it. He did so partly by fostering better relations with the Christian and Jewish communities, officially relaxing their treatment which had been quite harsh under his predecessors. For this, Zoroastrian and Arab sources refer to Yazdgird as *Bezekhar* ("Sinner"). Yazdgird refrained from attacking his Roman neighbor, going so far as to cultivate friendly relations such that the Roman emperor, Arcadius, entrusted his son, Theodosius, to the safety and protection of Yazdgird.

Bahram V was son of Yazdgird I who came to power as a result of the latter's adversarial position against the two great pillars of Sasanian society, the aristocracy and the priesthood. He led a successful surprise attack against the Turkic Khaqan, killing the leader and obtaining an enormous treasure, part of which he distributed amongst the aristocratic and religious elites as well as the general public. Bahram is one of the Sasanian kings about whom much has been written. He was immortalized in Ferdowsi's epic *Shah-nameh* as well as in the poetry of Nizami, and many adventures have been attributed to him. His reputation stands in similar steed to that of hero Sinbad of the famed *One Thousand and One Nights.*

According to several Islamic sources, either Bahram or his officials attracted a great number of Indian musicians and mercenaries to immigrate into Sasanian lands. The musicians later moved on from Persia to Mesopotamia and places westward, eventually settling in Eastern Europe. These wandering musicians are the ancestors of the Gypsies.
Bahram died as a result of an accident while hunting wild asses, an event which inspired the following quatrain by the great Persian poet Omar Khayyam (translated by Edward Fritz Gerald):

"They say the Lion and the Lizard keep
The Courts where Jamshyd gloried and drank deep:
And Bahram, that great Hunter - the Wild Ass
Stamps o'er his Head, and he lies fast asleep."

Yazdgird II was the son of Bahram V. During his reign there was once again rebellion in Armenia. Yazdgird instigated an organized campaign to defeat the pro-Roman forces and to limit the advance of Christianity, and his epic battle with outnumbered Armenian defenders has become legendary in Armenian history. Like his father, Yazdgird fought the Hephthalite and Chionite peoples along his eastern borders, and even though he successfully defeated them in several engagements he was unable to decisively end the threat they presented to Persia.

Peroz ascended to the throne after defeating his brother, Hormizd III, as well as several other family members that were opposed to his kingship. His reign is particularly noted for his concern for the well-being of his people, yet it was a reign filled with misfortune: war in the east with Hephthalites and a long term drought brought the empire to its knees. To help alleviate some of the burden caused by these major calamities, Peroz forgave taxes and provided for food for the public. According to Tabari, he ordered that no grain depot was private; all had to be accessible and open to the public. His decree noted that if but a single person were to die because of hunger in any community, that he would annihilate that entire community.

Valkash, the son of Peroz, succeeded his father on the throne with the support of several powerful families of the aristocracy. The aristocracy desired a king who would protect their own interests, and felt that elevating Valkash would bring an end to the chaotic conditions in which the empire had lost its leader, army and national treasury.

During Valkash's reign the major external threat to the Sasanian Empire remained the Hephthalites. Internally, Valkash was challenged by his brother, Kavad I, whom he initially defeated. However, Kavad escaped, fleeing to the Hephthalites, and was successful in enticing them into lending him support. With this support, the aristocracy also rose in opposition to Valkash, who was deposed, blinded and subsequently killed after Kavad I captured and entered Ctesiphon.

Kavad I gained the throne only to be faced with a powerful aristocracy which had allowed him to assume power without any consequence to themselves for the role that they had played in his predecessor's downfall. He well knew that the noble families allied with the priesthood could easily remove him from the throne and install another in his place. Thus, he began cultivating friendly relations with Mazdak, the leader of a communistic, anti-aristocratic sect which called for the destruction of the aristocracy and the elimination of corruption in the priesthood, and a redistribution of wealth amongst the poor. The ensuing unrest backfired, leading to Kavad's removal from power and his replacement on the throne by another of Peroz's sons, his brother Zamasp. Kavad eventually returned to power, his third reign, and successfully consolidated his power by making major concessions to the aristocracy and priesthood.

Khusrow I succeeded Kavad to the throne. Like Bahram V, he is also one of the most well-known Persian kings of all time. His title in Persian literature ranges from "Law Giver" to" Immortal Soul," and it was during his reign that the Prophet Mohammad was born in Arabia.

Khusrow proved to be an exceptional leader in both civil administration as well as military operations. He reformed the tax system, and he divided the empire into four military zones each under the command of a high ranking Ispahbod (high commander). Khusrow was liked by both the aristocracy and the priesthood, a significant change from the years of rift between them and monarchy starting with Peroz. However, his military reforms shifted control of the army away from the landed aristocracy to the court. This move did not bring about any major upheaval at the time but in the long run allowed Khusrow's successors, Hormizd IV and Khusrow II, to crush the power of the traditional landed gentry and aristocratic families without fear of reprisal or loss of military control.

Khusrow's war with the Byzantine Empire under Justinian I took on a new dimension involving control of one of the most coveted materials of the ancient world, silk. The Byzantines had attempted to circumvent the Persian monopoly for raw silk by opening sea routes between the Orient and their markets in Alexandria, Damascus, Byzantium, and above all, Antioch, but Persian naval forces captured Yemen, successfully blocking the newly opened Byzantine sea route. In another move, Khusrow captured Antioch and relocated its vital economic silk workshops to a suburb of the Persian capital of Ctesiphon, which he renamed "Veh Antioch Khusrow." Khusrow established a strong foothold in metal-rich Armenia, Colchis and along the eastern shores of the Black Sea. He also captured city of Petra (Batum) on the Black Sea coast. Several historians have noted that Khusrow planned a major naval assault against Constantinople from his Black Sea bases, but that it never bore fruition.

In addition to his successful campaigns against the Byzantine Empire, with the assistance of the Western Turks, Khusrow utterly destroyed the Hephtalite kingdom, capturing Bactria and bringing the eastern frontiers of the empire under the full authority of Ctesiphon.

With these conquests, Khusrow revived the Sasanian Empire to its glory days under Shapur I and Shapur II. However, the financial hardship since the days of Peroz, the fallout from the Mazdakite revolt, and the nearly perpetual wars in both east and west had begun to destroy the fabric of Sasanian society. Within a half century of Khusrow's death, Persia would be completely overrun and temporarily even cease to exist as an empire.

Hormizd IV was the son of Khusrow I and a Turkic princess, and succeeded his father to the throne. He was noted as a clever and just ruler, but also cunning. Tabari says the methods he used to eliminate his numerous opponents, including his humiliation of the brilliant general Bahram Chubin, also known as Bahram VI who had temporarily occupied the throne, brought about much dissatisfaction amongst his supporters. His brother Vistham, collaborating with other courtiers, finally had him deposed, imprisoned and executed. In the ensuing chaos of the succession following the death of Hormizd IV, both Bahram VI and Vistham called themselves king, even minting coinage in their own names. Hormizd IV was eventually succeeded by his son, Khusrow II, who enlisted the help of the Byzantine emperor Maurice Tiberius in order to defeat the usurpers.

Khusrow II is legendary in Persian history and is the subject of many epics and poems. His love for his Christian Armenian wife, Shirin, is the subject of a great epic by the Persian poet, Nizami, and the extravagant luxury and splendor of his court set the standard for many future courts in the region and also in Europe. In fact, the opulence of the Abbasid court as depicted in *One Thousand and One Nights* is a purportedly a reflection of the Sasanian court under Khusrow.

Khusrow expanded the conflict with Persia's traditional enemy, the Byzantine Empire. Lands repeatedly changed hands in a war that lasted a couple of decades but brought no decisive victory to either side. In the end, the combatants signed a peace treaty to end the hostilities.

Khusrow's downfall is somewhat obscure. With the consent of his son, Shiroi, the priesthood and remaining aristocratic families of the empire charged Khusrow with treason. He was secretly tried and found guilty, and afterwards executed.

Kavad II, formerly Shiroi, took his great grandfather's name upon his accession to the throne of the troubled empire. In order to eliminate all possible contenders, he killed nearly all his male relatives, an act which may have deprived Sasanian Persia of a brave and resourceful leader who could marshal the necessary resources of the empire against the coming tide of Islam. One grandson of Khusrow II did survive, however, becoming the last ruler of the empire. Kavad died just shy of two years on the throne, a casualty of a great plague that had engulfed Ctesiphon.

Ardashir III, the 11-year old son of Kavad II, was placed on the throne by Shahrwaraz, the powerful general of Khurow II, who had been instrumental in the downfall and execution of his king. Within six months of his elevation, Ardashir was dead and Shahrwaraz assumed the throne. Shahrwaraz's reign lasted only a few weeks before he was killed by his own officers in a palace coup.

Queen Buran was one of the daughters of Khusrow II, who because of the absence of any potential male successors, was elevated to the throne by the military. She began peace negotiations with the Byzantines, and within a year the forces of each began evacuating the lands they had previously conquered from the other. This turned out to be a lengthy process and thus was never fully completed by the time of the Muslim conquest. Among many relics that the Sasanians restored to the Byzantines were the pieces of the True Cross that had been taken during the Persian capture of Jerusalem.

According to some sources, Queen Buran abdicated the throne, spending her remaining years as a hermit in her compound. According to other sources, she was murdered by army officers whose commander assumed the throne as Hormizd V.

Hormizd V was killed by forces loyal to Azarmidoxt, another daughter of Khusrow II, who came to power for a short time and faced various challengers such as Khusrow III and Khusrow V. The Wars of Succession saw almost eleven rulers in just three years, each of whom were deposed until the aristocracy and priesthood finally placed the grandson of Khusrow II, Yazdgird III, on the throne.

Yazdgird III was the son of a Nubian princess who was married to one of Khusrow II's sons. He restored some stability to the empire, yet the existing divisions within the army, nobility and priesthood had already exposed the weakened foundation of the empire. Yazdgird governed for twenty years, most of it on the run while futilely attempting to marshal the empire's waning resources to fight the Muslim Arabs. He fought the advancing Arab forces in at least three major engagements, all of which he lost, until finally he was assassinated by the governor of Marw. With his death, the Sasanian dynasty of Persia came to its end.

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342 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 3.62g, mint A ("Stakhr"), phase 1, c. AD 205/6-223/4. Bearded head of Ardashir I facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded head of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent (SNS type I(1)/1(1) (pl. 1, 1-3 var. (obv. legend orientation)); Göbl type I/1; cf Paruck 4-7 (same); Saeedi 6; Sunrise 691, this coin). Excellent detail on both sides, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

343 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 3.79g, mint A ("Stakhr"), phase 1, c. AD 205/6-223/4. Bearded head of Ardashir I facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded head of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent (SNS type I(1)/1(1) (pl. 1, 1-3); Göbl type I/1; Paruck 4-7; Saeedi 7; Sunrise 692, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, excellent metal, nicely toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare issue.* $ 3,000

ex Todd A Ballen Collection, Triton XIII, 5 January 2010, lot 850

344 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.78g, mint A ("Stakhr"), phase 1, c. AD 205/6-223/4. Bearded head of Ardashir I facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded head of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent (SNS type I(1)/1(1) (pl. 1, 4); Göbl type I/1; Paruck 11; Saeedi 8; Sunrise 693, this coin). Sharply struck and well defined, toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

345 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.56g, mint A ("Stakhr"), phase 1, c. AD 205/6-223/4. Bearded head of Ardashir I facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent. Rev. Bearded head of Papak left, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with pellet-in-crescent (SNS type I(1)/1(1) (pl. 1, A1); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 9; Sunrise 694, this coin). Well centred on both sides, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

346 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (as king of Persis, AD 205/6-223/4). Æ 1/6-Unit, 3.3g, mint A ("Stakhr"), phase 1 (c. AD 205/6-224). Head of Ardashir I facing, wearing diadem and Parthian-style tiara with a pellet in a crescent. Rev. Fire altar with no attendants (SNS type I(1)/2(1); Göbl I/2; Saedi 10; Sunrise -). Exceptional for the type, extremely fine / very fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

347 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Gold 1/6-Dinar, 1.42g, mint B ("Hamadan"), phase 2c, c. AD 223/4-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type G) (SNS type Iic(3d)/3a(2b); Göbl type II/4/2; Paruck 14; Saeedi AV2; Sunrise 695, this coin). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

ex Peus 374, 23 April 2003, lot 184

348 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 3.95g, mint B ("Hamadan"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star decoration on chest. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2c) with diadems (type G) (SNS type IIc(3c)/3a(2b), pl. 2, A8 - same dies; Göbl type II/4a/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 696, this coin). Well struck and well centred, excellent metal, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,500

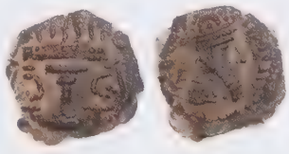
349 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.59g, mint B ("Hamadan"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type G) (SNS type Iic(3d)/3a(2b), pl. 2, A7; Göbl type II/4a/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 697, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

350 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 3.17g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star, single pellet on chest. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIe(3c)/3a(2b); Göbl type II/4a/2; Paruck -; Saeedi 16; Sunrise 698, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, excellent metal, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,500

351 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.00g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type G) (SNS type Iie(3c)/3a(2b); Göbl type II/4a/2; Paruck 19; Saeedi -; Sunrise 699, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

352 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Billon Tetradrachm, 13.62g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1d) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIe(3d)/3a(2b), pl. 3, 33; Göbl II/4a/2; cf Paruck 21 (flames 1e); Saeedi 17-20; Sunrise 700, this coin). Well struck on a full size flan, toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

ex Ponterio, January 2008, lot 207



353 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Æ Chalkous, 4.13g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2c, c. AD 226/7-228/30. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with star. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R?) (SNS type IIi/3a, pl. 6, 73; cf Göbl II/2; cf Paruck 27; Saeedi -; Sunrise 701, this coin). Choice very fine. $ 300

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354 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIib(4a)/3b(2b), pl. 14, 210; Göbl type III/1/2; cf Paruck 53-6; Saeedi -; Sunrise 703, this coin). Well struck and well centred, toned, superb extremely fine. $ 750

355 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.92g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIIb(4a)/3b(2b), pl. 14, 210; Göbl type III/1/2; Paruck -; Saeedi 64, same dies; Sunrise 704, this coin). Well centred, toned, very fine. $ 300

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356 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.69g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIIb(4a)/3a(2b), pl. 15, A42, same rev. die; Göbl type III/1/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 705, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 250

357 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.72g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and earflaps, pellet on chest, pellet to right. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIIb(4a)/3a(2b); Göbl type III/1/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 706, this coin, otherwise an unlisted variety with pellets on obverse). Well struck, cleaned extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 300

358 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Æ Chalkous, 3.1g, mint C. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem and close-fitting headdress with korymbos, cross-like symbol in right field. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and no attendants (SNS type IIIb/3b; Göbl II/1/2; Sunrise -, seemingly unpublished with the symbol in the obverse field). Extremely fine. $ 300

359 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with eagle standing right, wings spread, with ribbon in its beak. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) and three pellets on altar tiers (SNS type VI(4b)/3b(2b); Göbl type VI/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 707, this coin). Full legends on both sides, expertly repaired (hole by the king's shoulder and to the right of the altar base), otherwise toned, choice very fine and probably the finest known example. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,500

ex Peus 361, 3 November 1999, lot 325 (since repaired)

360 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.72g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and Parthian-style tiara decorated with eagle standing right, wings spread, with ribbon in its beak. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) and three pellets on altar tiers (SNS type VI(4b)/3b(2b), pl. 16, 232 - same dies; Göbl type VI/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 708, this coin). Well struck, superb extremely fine, virtually as struck with no toning. *Unique.* $ 3,000

361 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.35g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R). Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (typeg; pellet to lower left and right (SNS type VII(4a)/3b(2b); Göbl type V/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 709, this coin). Well struck and well centred, delicately toned, nearly mint state, one of the finest known examples. *Rare.* $ 2,000

ex Peus, Auction 368, 25-28 April 2001, lot 369

362 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.25g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R). Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R), pellet on base of altar (SNS type VII(4a)/3b(2b), pl. 16, 234; Göbl type V/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 710, this coin). Well struck and well centred, toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

363 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.90g, mint B ("Hamadam"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R). Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type R) and three pellets on base (SNS type VII(4a)/3c(2b), pl. 16, A51; Göbl type V/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 711, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 750

364 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Gold Dinar, 7.25g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) (SNS type Iiia(4a)/3a(2b), p.306, n. 5 - this coin; Göbl III/1/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 712, this coin). Nearly extremely fine. *Extremely rare, only a few examples exist.* $ 30,000

ex Lanz 102, 28 May 2001, lot 329 (cover coin)
ex CNG 78, May 2008, lot 1059

365 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.38g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIia(4a)/3a(2b) (pl. 8, A15); Göbl type III/2/2; Paruck 34; cf Saeedi 25-6; Sunrise 713, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

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366 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.25g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 3) with diadems (type G), pellet to left of altar shaft (SNS type IIIa(4a)/3a(2b), pl. 10, 153; Göbl type III/2/2; cf Paruck 42; Saeedi 49; Sunrise 714, this coin). Boldly struck, lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 500

367 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 4.46g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type G) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps. Rev. Fire altar (flames 3) with diadems (type G), pellet to right of altar shaft (SNS type IIia(4a)/3a(2b), pl. 10, 154; Göbl type III/2/2; cf Paruck 42; Saeedi 48; Sunrise 715, this coin). Boldly struck, lovely fine style and excellent metal, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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368 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.09g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps, three pellets on left shoulder. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type G), no pellet to right of altar shaft (SNS type IIia(4a)/3a(2b), pl. 9, 140 - same dies; Göbl type III/2/2; Paruck -; Saeedi 35, same dies; Sunrise 716, this coin). Needle sharp and well centred, toned, superb extremely fine. $ 750

369 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Hemidrachm, 2.16g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps, trefoil of pellets behind head and on left shoulder. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type G) (SNS type Iiia(4a)/3a(2b); Göbl type III/2/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 717, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

370 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.46g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps, pellets flanking head. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type R) (SNS type IIIa(4a)/3a(2b); Göbl type III/2/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 718, this coin). Needle sharp, toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

371 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Obol, 0.71g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and close-fitting headdress with korymbos and no earflaps, pellets flanking headdress. Rev. Fire altar (flames 2) with diadems (type G) (SNS type IIIa(4a)/3a(2b), pl. 10, A24 corr. - same rev. die; Göbl type III/2/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 719, this coin). Well centred, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

372 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir I (AD 223/4-240). Silver Drachm, 3.86g, mint C ("Ctesiphon"), phase 3, c. AD 233/4-238/9. Bust of Ardashir I right, wearing diadem (type R) and mural tiara, pellet behind tiara. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with diadems (type G) (SNS type IV(4a)/3a(2b); Göbl type VIII/2; Paruck -; cf Saeedi 53 (no pellet, rev. legend orientation); Sunrise 720, this coin). Well struck on a slightly irregular flan with die cracks, as made, mottled grey toning, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare, one of the most important Sasanian Drachms.* $ 1,000

380 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.30g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1a, c. AD 240-244. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and tiara adorned with symbol and terminating in head of eagle. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 1a) and mural crowns, pellet to left of altar shaft (SNS type Ib/1a, style A, pl. 20, A2; Göbl type IV/1; Paruck 97; Saeedi 77-8; Sunrise 728, this coin). Boldly struck and of the finest style, delicate uniform bluish-grey tone, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare type with the eagle on the crown.* $ 12,500

ex Foroghi collection
ex Saeedi collection

381 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.24g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1a, c. AD 240-244. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 2) and mural crowns, pellet to lower left and right of attendants (SNS type IIa1/1a, style A, group b; Göbl type II/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 79; Sunrise 729, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 1,000

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382 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Æ Tetradrachm, 12.18g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1a, c. AD 240-244. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 2) and mural crowns (SNS type Iia1/1a, style Abis, pl. 20, 5-A8; Göbl type II/1; Paruck 95; Saeedi -; Sunrise 730, this coin). Uniform dark brown patina, choice very fine. $ 800

383 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Æ Tetradrachm, 10.78g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1a, c. AD 240-244. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 2) and mural crowns (SNS type IIa1/1a, style Abi, pl. 20, 5-A8; Göbl type II/1; Paruck 95; Saeedi -; Sunrise 731, this coin). Scattered flan faults and crudely struck, about very fine. $ 300

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384 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.36g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind crown, pellets flanking diadem ends. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns and without diadems, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type IIc/1a, style A, indeterminate group; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 732, this coin). Well struck and well centred, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

385 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, pellets flanking diadem ends. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns and without diadems, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type IIc/1a, style A, indeterminate group, pl. 23, 40; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 733, this coin). Nice bold portrait, two clash marks on the reverse, as made, lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 500

386 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.95g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type uncertain) and mural crowns, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type IIc/1a, style A, uncertain group; Göbl type I/1; cf Paruck 83; Saeedi -; Sunrise 734, this coin). Well struck and well centred, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

387 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Obol, 0.74g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type IIc/1a, style A, group d, pl. 22, 20-25; Göbl type I/1; cf Paruck 73; Saeedi 85; Sunrise 735, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 500

388 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Obol, 0.72g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Iic/1a, style A, group d, pl. 22, 25 - same dies; Göbl type I/1; cf Paruck 73; Saeedi 85; Sunrise 736, this coin). Well struck and well centred, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

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389 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, mint III ("Hamadan"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos decorated with pellets surrounded by ring of pellets. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 3b) and mural crowns (SNS type Iic/1a, style G; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 737, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 300

The decoration on the korymbos is unrecorded in SNS.

390 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.95g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 1b, c. AD 244-252/3. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type uncertain) and mural crowns (SNS type Iic/1a, style C, pl. 24, A22; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 70; Saeedi -; Sunrise 738, this coin). Well struck and well centred, toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 500

391 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Gold Dinar, 7.28g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns (SNS type IIc/1b, style P, group b, pl. 30, 126; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 64; Saeedi AV4; Sunrise 739, this coin). Superb extremely fine. $ 7,000

392 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Gold Dinar, 7.3g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two two attendants wearing mural crowns, pellet below altar (SNS type Iic/1b, style P; Göbl type I/1; cf Saeedi AV4 (no pellet); Sunrise -; cf Sunrise 739 (no pellet, same obv. die)). Beautiful style, superb extremely fine. $ 8,000

393 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Gold Dinar, 7.42g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, one pellet above and two below diadem ties. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns, symbol to left of flames (SNS type Iic/1b, style P, group d/1, pl. 31, 143; Göbl type I/1; cf Paruck 81 (no pellets on obv.); Saeedi AV5; Sunrise 740, this coin). Boldly struck, well detailed and perfectly centred, lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 8,000

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394 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.35g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 3a) and mural crowns, symbol to left of flames (SNS type IIc/1b, style P, group d/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 99; Sunrise 741, this coin). Lovely style, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

ex Dr Mesrop Abkarian collection

395 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.92g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 3a) and mural crowns (SNS type IIc/1b, style P, group b; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 742, this coin). Lightly toned, very fine. $ 250

396 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Gold Dinar, 7.14g, mint II ("Merv"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crowns (SNS type IIc/1a, style uncertain; cf Loginov & Nikitin 1, 26 (rev. legends); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; cf Saeedi AV8 (same); Sunrise 743, this coin). Signs of old cleaning, choice very fine. *Extremely rare and possibly unique with reverse type 1a.* $ 10,000

397 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur I (AD 240-272). Silver Drachm, 4.24g, mint III ("Hamadan"), phase 2, c. AD 260-272. Bust of Shapur I right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing diadems (type 3a) and mural crowns, pellets flanking flames (SNS type IIc/1b, style Q, group b, pl. 34, 171-2; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 744, this coin). Pleasing style, toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 500

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398 Sasanian Kingdom. Valerian I (Roman Emperor and opponent of Shapur I, AD 253-260). Silver Antoninianus, 2.76g, Rome, 2nd emission, AD 254-256. IMP V P LIC VALERIANVS P F AVG, radiate and draped bust of Valerian I right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG, Victory standing left, holding open diadem and palm (RIC 128; MIR 77c; RSC 224; Sunrise 745, this coin). Toned, superb extremely fine. $ 200

399 Sasanian Kingdom. Valerian I (Roman Emperor and opponent of Shapur I, AD 253-260). Silver Antoninianus, 3.34g, Viminacium, 1st emission, AD 253. IMP P LIC VALERIANO AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust of Valerian I right. Rev. FIDES MILITVM, Fides standing facing, holding two standards (RIC 240 (Mediolanum); MIR 792d; RSC 73; Sunrise 746, this coin). Mint state. $ 300

400 Sasanian Kingdom. Valerian I (Roman Emperor and opponent of Shapur I, AD 253-260). Gold Aureus, 5.05g, Samosata, 1st emission, AD 255/6. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS AVG, radiate and cuirassed bust of Valerian I right. Rev. AETERNITAS AVGG, Aeternitas advancing right, extending arm and holding globe (RIC 273 (Antioch); MIR 1675b; Calico 3402, this coin; Biaggi 1432, this coin; Sunrise 747, this coin). Some scattered marks and scrapes, very fine. $ 8,000

purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1956
ex BDB Collection, NAC 49, 21 October 2008, lot 360

401 Sasanian Kingdom. Valerian I (Roman Emperor and opponent of Shapur I, AD 253-260). Billon Tetradrachm, 11.46g, Alexandria, regnal year 3, AD 255/6. A K Π ΛΙ ΟΥΑΛΕΡΙΑΝΟϹ EV EV C, laureate and cuirassed bust of Valerian I right. Rev. Elpis advancing left, holding flower and lifting hem of skirt; date (L Γ) across field (Köln 2860; Dattari 5153; Milne 3897; Sunrise 748, this coin). Choice very fine. $ 400

purchased from Edward Waddell in the early 1990s

402 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Drachm, 4.20g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos, symbol on shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants facing inward, the left, wearing crown with korymbos, raising arm, the right, wearing radiant crown of Mithra holding up diadem (SNS type Ia/2b; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 115; Sunrise 749, this coin). Well struck and beautiful style, toned, superb extremely fine, probably the finest example extant. $ 7,000

403 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Drachm, 4.08g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos, symbol on shoulder. Rev. Fire altar without ribbon, flanked by two attendants facing inward, the left, wearing crown with korymbos, raising arm, the right, wearing radiant crown of Mithra, holding up diadem (SNS type Ib/2a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 100; Saeedi -; Sunrise 750, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, faint hairline scratches in the fields, nearly extremely fine, probably the finest example to exist. *Extremely rare with the double legend inscription behind the head.* $ 7,000

404 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.92g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar without ribbon, flanked by two attendants facing inward, the left, wearing crown with korymbos, raising arm, the right, wearing radiant crown of Mithra holding up diadem (SNS type Ia/2a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 116; Sunrise 751, this coin). Some light graffito in the right obverse field, lightly toned, very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,500

ex Peus, Auction 349, November 1996, lot 233

405 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.76g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar without ribbon, flanked by two attendants facing outward, the left, wearing raidant crown with korymbos, the right with mural crown; symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/-; Göbl type I/-; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 752, this coin, otherwise unpublished with this reverse type). Well detailed, toned, choice very fine. $ 2,000

This reverse type is most similar to the early reverse types of Varhran I, so this is probably a very late issue in the reign of Hormizd.

406 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Obol, 0.73g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar without ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the left extending arm, the right holding up diadem, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/2a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 753, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 750

407 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd I (AD 272-273). Silver Obol, 0.70g. Bust of Hormizd I right, wearing diadem and crown with korymbos, symbol on shoulder. Rev. Fire altar without ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the left extending arm, the right holding up diadem, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/2a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 753A, this coin, otherwise unpublished with symbol on shoulder). Toned, nearly extremely fine. *Unique.* $ 750

408 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Gold Dinar, 7.40g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, pellet above diadem ties. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type Ib/1Ba; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi AV16; Sunrise 754, this coin). Boldly struck and well detailed, superb extremely fine. $ 12,500

409 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.22g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, pellet above and below diadem ties, double legend behind head. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants wearing mural crown and radiate crown, left with korymbos, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/1A; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 109; Saeedi 120; Sunrise 755, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare with the double legend behind head.* $ 2,000

410 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.24g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, symbol above diadem ties, double legend behind head. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left with korymbos, the other with mural crown; symbol on altar shaft, pellet on upper tiers (SNS type Ia/1A; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 122; Sunrise 756, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare with the double legned behind head.* $ 2,500

411 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.33g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other with mural crown, symbol to right of flames (SNS type Ib/1B; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 107; Saeedi 127; Sunrise 757, this coin). Well struck and well detailed, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,500

412 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.28g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos decorated with symbol. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other with mural crown, symbol to right of flames (SNS type Ib/1B; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 128; Sunrise 758, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely rare with symbol on korymbos.* $ 1,500

413 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.30g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind crown. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other with radiate crown, pellet-inverted crescent-pellet on tier of altar (SNS type Ib/2B; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 138; Sunrise 759, this coin). An outstanding example, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

414 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.93g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind crown. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other with radiate crown, pellet-inverted crescent-pellet on tier of altar (SNS type Ib/2B; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 139 (same obv. die); Sunrise 760, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 750

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415 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Obol, 0.65g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, one wearing radiate and the other mural crowns (SNS type Ib/2B; Göbl† I/1; Saeedi 139; Sunrise -, cf Sunrise 760-A (trefoil of pellets behind bust)). Choice very fine, no toning. *Very rare denomination.* $ 500

416 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Silver Drachm, 4.20g. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing diadem and radiate crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind crown. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, one wearing radiate crown with korymbos, and right with crown with korhymbos, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type Ib/3; Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 761, this coin). Well struck and delicately toned with underlying lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

417 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) I (AD 273-276). Gold Dinar, 7.17g, Merv, mint right of flame. Bust of Varhran I right, wearing radiate crown with korymbos, Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on the left wearing mural crown, the other with radiate crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib/4(?); Loginov & Nikitin 1, -; Göbl type I/-; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 762, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 7,500

We have traced only two others examples of this coin: Morton & Eden, 29 November 2007, lot 436, and Roth Collection, SNS pl. 1, no.49A.

418 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.30g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing radiate crown with korymbos (SNS type I (Bahram II) / 3 (Bahram I); Göbl type I (Bahram II) / 2 (Bahram I); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 763, this coin). Well struck and well detailed, delicately toned, extremely fine. *Very rare hybrid.* $ 7,500

This Dinar is probably from the first issue of Bahram II because it uses a reverse from the last type (3) of Bahram I coinage, where both attendants wear radiate crowns with korymbos.

ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 13 January 2004, lot 590

419 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.36g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind crown. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet, inverted crescent and pellet on tier of altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 764, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 6,000

420 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.27g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet below altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 765, this coin). Well struck with full legends, choice very fine. *Unpublished Dinar with curved wing in crown.* $ 5,000

421 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 6.9g. Diademed and draped bust of Varhran II right with winged crown (curved wing) and korymbos decorated with three pellets. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, attendant on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, attendant on right wearing mural crown, pellet below altar (SNS type I(1)/1(1a); Göbl† I/1; Saeedi -; cf Sunrise 765A). Lovely style, extremely fine. $ 8,000

422 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.3g. Diademed and draped bust of Varhran II right wearing winged crown (curved wing) and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, attendant on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, attendant on right wearing mural crown, pellet below altar (SNS type I(1)/- (not recorded with one reverse attendant having winged crown); cf Göbl† I/1; Sâeedi -; cf Sunrise 765-B). Boldly struck and lovely style, superb extremely fine. $ 8,000

423 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.3g. Diademed and draped bust of Varhran II right wearing winged crown (curved wing) and korymbos, pellet above wing. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, attendant on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, attendant on right wearing mural crown, pellet on altar and two pellets flanking altar (SNS type I(1)/- (not recorded with one reverse attendant having winged crown); cf Göbl† I/1; Saeedi -; cf Sunrise 765-C). Boldly struck and magnificent style with underlying lustre, delicately toned, some hairline scratches in the right obverse field, extremely fine. *Very rare variety with three dots on the reverse.* $ 10,000

424 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.2g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, symbol above wing. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing winged crown with korymbos, symbol on altar (SNS type I(1)/2(1a); cf Göbl† I/1; Saeedi -; cf Sunrise 763). Well struck with excellent detail throughout, delicately toned, extremely fine. *Exceedingly rare with a fravahr symbol behind the head and on the pillar of the altar.* $ 8,000

425 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.22g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, monograms flanking flames, trefoil of pellets on altar shaft (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 115; Saeedi AV22 (same dies); Sunrise 766, this coin). Well struck with lustrous surfaces, superb extremely fine. $ 6,000

426 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.12g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet-inverted crescent-pellet on tier of altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 767, this coin). Wonderful style and boldly struck, lustrous, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

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427 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.34g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet-inverted crescent-pellet on tier of altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 768, this coin). Boldly struck and wonderful style, lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

428 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.24g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos (cf SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi 150 corr (rev. type); Sunrise 769, this coin). Great style, lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 1,500

429 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.06g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing winged crown, the right wearing with mural crown, both with korymbos (cf SNS type I/1 (right attendant lacks korymbos); Göbl type I/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi 149 corr (rev. type); Sunrise 770, this coin). Beautiful style and lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

430 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.96g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, trefoil of pellets behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet-inverted crescent-pellet on tier of altar (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 771, this coin). Nicely toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

431 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.60g. Bust of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, pellet, crescent, pellet behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 772, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 500

432 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.24g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince 1 left, wearing plain kolah. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing radiatel crown (SNS type II/1; Göbl type II/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 151; Sunrise 773, this coin). Well struck with nice bold inscriptions, well centred, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 5,000

ex Giessener Münzhandlung 36, 8 April 1987, lot 332
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, 13 January 2004, lot 593

433 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.32g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince 3 left, wearing plain kolah with boar's head. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, trefoil of pellets to right of flame (SNS type III/1; Göbl type IV/1; Paruck 127; Saeedi 152; Sunrise 774, this coin). Well struck and perfectly centred with traces of underlying lustre, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 2,000

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434 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.02g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince 3 left, wearing plain kolah with boar's head. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type III/1; Göbl type IV/1; Paruck 125; Saeedi 155; Sunrise 775, this coin). Sharp detail for the grade, light matte grey tonel choice very fine. $ 1,250

435 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.08g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince 3 left, wearing plain kolah with boar's head. Rev. Letters "*hw*" to the right of flame, letters "*py*" to the left of flame, "*hwpy (xubi)*" goodness, fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type III/1; Göbl type IV/1; Paruck -; cf Saeedi 158 (for rev. type); Sunrise 776, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,000

for "hwpy (xubi)" see Mackkenzie, Pahlavi Dictionary 'X', page 94, 1986.

ex CNG 76, 12 September 2007, lot 970

436 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.45g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince left, wearing plain kolah with horse's head wearing plumed champron and adorned with symbol on its neck. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbols to left of flames and on altar shaft (SNS -; Göbl -; Paruck -; cf Saeedi 159 (for reverse type); Sunrise 777, this coin, otherwise unpublished with horse's head on kolah). Beautiful style, well struck and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 5,000

437 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.55g. Confronted busts of Varhran II right, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and Prince left, wearing plain kolah with bridled horse's head. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet on top and central tiers of altar (SNS -; Göbl IV/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 778, this coin). Tiny chip at 12 o'clock which does not detract from the design, lightly toned, extremely fine. $ 400

438 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.24g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah, right. Rev. Letters "*hw*" to right of flame, letters "*py*" to left of flame, "*hwpy (xubi)*", goodness, fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet on top and central tiers of altar (SNS type IV/1 table 23, A82 (same die volume. 2); Göbl type V/1; Paruck 123; Saeedi 158; Sunrise 779, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

439 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.61g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah, right. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, identical symbol or letters on altar shaft and to right of flames (SNS type IV/1; Göbl type V/1; Paruck -; cf Saeedi 159 (symbol to left of flames); Sunrise 780, this coin). Delicately toned, choice very fine / extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

ex Peus 386, 26 April 2006, lot 448

440 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 3.94g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah, right. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, two pellets to right of flames (SNS type IV/1; Göbl type V/1; Paruck 124; Saeedi 160; Sunrise 781, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

441 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.32g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah, right. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet on two lower tiers of altar (SNS type IV/1; Göbl type V/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 782, this coin, shares the same obverse die as Sunrise 779). Lightly toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

442 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.46g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants facing outward, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbols flanking flames, three pellets on altar shaft (SNS type VI/1; Göbl type VII/1; cf Paruck 133 (no dynastic symbol or pellets); Saeedi -; Sunrise 783, this coin). Boldly struck and well detailed, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. The finest known example. $ 20,000

443 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.34g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, wearing kolah with eagle's head, left, trefoil of pellets behind shoulder of king two line legend. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants facing outward, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown with korymbos (cf SNS type VI/1 (right attendant lacks korymbos); Göbl type VII/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; cf SWW 23 (Drachm); Sunrise 784, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Exceedingly rare.* $ 15,000

444 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold 1/6-Dinar, 1.44g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, wearing kolah with eagle's head, left, trefoil of pellets behind shoulder of king. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants facing outward, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbol to left of flames (cf SNS type VI/1 (right attendant lacks korymbos); Göbl type VII/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 785, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Well struck with excellent detail, a few scattered marks, extremely fine. *Possibly unique.* $ 7,500

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445 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.39g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, wearing kolah with eagle's head, left, trefoil of pellets behind shoulder of king. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants facing outward, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbol to left of flames (cf SNS type VI/1 (right attendant lacks korymbos); Göbl type VII/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi 166 corr (rev. type); Sunrise 786, this coin). Light grey toning, extremely fine. $ 1,250

446 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.67g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, wearing kolah with eagle's head, left, trefoil of pellets behind shoulder of king. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type VI/1; Göbl type VII/2a; Paruck -; Saeedi 163; Sunrise 787, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

ex CNG 75, 23 May 2007, lot 731

447 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Gold Dinar, 7.49g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, presenting wreath and wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbols flanking flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck 147; Saeedi AV28; Sunrise 788, this coin). Boldly struck and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Probably the finest known example of this rare issue.* $ 17,500

448 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.09g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, presenting wreath and wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbol to left of flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck 158; Saeedi 168; Sunrise 789, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 1,500

449 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.05g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, presenting wreath and wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran I and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbol to left of flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 790, this coin). Lightly toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 1,000

The engraving style of this coin is quite unlike that of the previous coin, particularly noticeable in the design of the queen's gown.

450 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Drachm, 4.29g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, presenting wreath and wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbols flanking flames, trefoil of pellets on altar shaft (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 791, this coin). Well struck and well centred, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,500

451 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.73g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4, presenting wreath and wearing kolah with eagle's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbols flanking flames, trefoil of pellets to right of altar base (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 792, this coin). Toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 750

452 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.70g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4(?), presenting wreath and wearing kolah with uncertain animal's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbols flanking flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi 174; Sunrise 793, this coin). Lightly toned with underlying lustre, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

453 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.69g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4(?), presenting wreath and wearing kolah with uncertain animal's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, symbol to left of flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck 158; Saeedi -; Sunrise 794, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 500

454 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.63g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4(?), presenting wreath and wearing kolah with uncertain animal's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, trefoil of pellets to left of flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 795, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. $ 500

455 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) II (AD 276-293). Silver Obol, 0.55g. Jugate busts Varhran II, wearing winged crown with korymbos, and his queen, wearing kolah with boar's head, right, vis-a-vis bust of Prince 4(?), presenting wreath and wearing kolah with uncertain animal's head, left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by Varhran II and his queen, holding ring, facing toward altar, trefoil of pellets to left of flames (SNS type VII/5; Göbl type X/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 796, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

456 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Gold Dinar, 7.22g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type II/5; Göbl type I/1; Paruck 161 (Varhran III); Saeedi AV34; Sunrise 797, this coin). Well struck and lustrous, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 15,000

457 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Drachm, 3.11g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos, trefoil of pellts behind crown. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing mural crown, the other wearing plain crown, both with korymbos, symbols flanking flames, upward crescent on altar shaft (SNS type II/-; Göbl type I/-; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 798, this coin, otherwise unpublished reverse type). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,000

ex CNG 47, September 1998, lot 698

458 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Obol, 0.62g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type II/5; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 184; Sunrise 799, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 750

459 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Obol, 0.60g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type II/5; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi 184; Sunrise 800, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 750

460 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Drachm, 3.95g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbol on altar shaft (SNS type II/5; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 801, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,000

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461 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Drachm, 4.28g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a; cf Göbl type II/2 (altar with ribbon); Paruck 165; Saeedi 177 (same dies); Sunrise 802, this coin). Some very faint scratches in the fields, toned, extremely fine. $ 750

462 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Drachm, 4.12g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a; cf Göbl type II/2 (altar with ribbon); Paruck 165; Saeedi 177; Sunrise 803, this coin). Well struck throughout, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 1,000

463 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.90g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a; cf Göbl type II/2 (altar with ribbon); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 804, this coin). Nicely centred with fine detail, cleaned, lightly toned, very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

464 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Obol, 0.64g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a; cf Göbl type II/2 (altar with ribbon); Paruck -; Saeedi 179; Sunrise 805, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 500

465 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Gold Dinar, 7.36g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ib/2a; Göbl type II/2; Paruck -; Saeedi AV29; Sunrise 806, this coin). Well struck, some scrapes and marks, toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare with no ribbons on fire altar shaft.* $ 8,000

466 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Gold Dinar, 7.18g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in single group, small Δ-like object behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbols flanking flames (cf SNS type Ib/2a; cf Göbl type II/2; Paruck -; cf Saeedi AV29; Sunrise 807, this coin, otherwise an unpublished variety). Lovely example with artistic dies struck in high relief, minor file marks on edge, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare with no ribbon on fire altar shaft.* $ 8,000

ex William Warden

467 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Gold Dinar, 7.35g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in two groups. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, the one on left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, symbols flanking flames, trefoil of pellets on altar shaft (SNS type Id/3c; Göbl type II/2; Paruck 170; Saeedi AV31; Sunrise 808, this coin). Boldly struck, delicately toned, superb extremely fine, a magnificent example. *Extremely rare with two groups of tufted hair.* $ 12,500

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468 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Drachm, 4.09g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in two groups. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames, trefoil of pellets on altar shaft (SNS type Ic/3b; Göbl type II/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 810, this coin). Uniform matte grey tone, choice very fine. $ 400

469 Sasanian Kingdom. Narseh (AD 293-303). Silver Obol, 0.46g. Bust of Narseh right, wearing crown with arcades, three foliate branches, and korymbos, hair in two groups. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, both wearing mural crowns, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames, trefoil of pellets on altar shaft (SNS type Ic/3d; Göbl type II/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 811, this coin). Toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

470 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Gold Dinar, 7.16g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos, two pellets flanking flames (SNS type Ia/3b; Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi AV36; Sunrise 812, this coin). Well struck with complete legends, faint file mark on the rim near 6 o'clock, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

471 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Gold Dinar, 7.14g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos (SNS type Ia/3d; Göbl type I/1a (pl. 5, 81); Paruck -; Saeedi AV37; Sunrise 813, this coin). Well struck with excellent detail for the grade, lightly toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,500

ex Edward Joseph Collection

472 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Gold Dinar, 7.27g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos (SNS type Ia/3d; Göbl type I/1a (pl. 5, 81); Paruck -; Saeedi AV37; Sunrise 814, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred with underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 8,000

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473 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 4.10g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a (both attendants with korymbos); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 815, this coin). Lightly toned, about extremely fine. $ 200

474 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 4.20g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, pellet on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a (both attendants with korymbos); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 816, this coin). Sharply struck and lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 600

475 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 3.87g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos, pellet behind crown. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, letter and pellet to left of flames, pellet to right of flames (SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a (both attendants with korymbos); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 817, this coin). Lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 300

476 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 3.92g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (cf SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 818, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Delicately toned with some underlying lustre, extremely fine. $ 300

The Sunrise Collection states "This coin has a more rough style than usual for this period, with particularly crude legends. Also, the crown on the obverse usually shows the eagle holding a single berry or pellet in its beak, while this coin shows the eagle with what appears to be two berries and a leaf on a vine. On the reverse, the figure on the left is typically displayed wearing a eagle crown, as on the obverse, but here it clearly is a crown with korymbos similar to Aradashir I. Additionally, the bust in the altar flames is usually facing left or right, but the style here is such that it is not possible to discern which direction the bust is facing. See [Sunrise] 824, for a similar issue." See lot for a similar issue.

477 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 4.31g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos, letter behind crown, all within double border. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown, all within double border (cf SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 819, this coin, otherwise unpublished with double borders). Boldly struck and well centred, superb extremely fine, a marvelous specimen. *Unique.* $ 2,000

478 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 3.65g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos, pellet on tier of altar. "*ART*" mintmark below the base of the fire altar shaft (SNS type Ia/3b; Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi 189; Sunrise 820, this coin). Well struck, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 750

479 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 3.84g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing winged crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos, pellet on tier of altar (SNS type Ia/3b; Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi 189; Sunrise 821, this coin). Well struck with underlying lustre, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare with the mintmark letters* "RD" (or JD?) *below the base of the fire altar.* $ 750

480 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Drachm, 4.30g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown, the other wearing mural crown, both with korymbos, two pellets to left of flames (SNS type Ia/3b; Göbl type I/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 822, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 250

481 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Silver Obol, 0.62g. Bust of Hormizd II right, wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing eagle crown with korymbos, the other wearing mural crown (SNS type Ia/3a; cf Göbl type I/1a (both attendants with korymbos); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 823, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 500

482 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd II (AD 303-309). Æ Tetradrachm(?), 9.59g. Bust of Hormizd II left (*very rare*), wearing eagle crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, the left wearing mural crown, the other wearing eagle crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib/3a; cf Göbl type Ia/1a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 824, this coin). Dark green patina, scratches on the reverse, crude as made, very fine / fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

See lot for a similar issue. This issue has a more rough style than usual for this period, with crude legends. The three pellets or berries in the mouth of the eagle on the crown suggests that both of these coins may be from the same mint.

483 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 6.93g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a1 (pl. 1, 4 corr. (rev. type)); MK 1200; Göbl type Ib/2 (pl. 6, 88); Paruck 198; Saeedi AV40; Sunrise 825, this coin). Boldly struck and well defined, lovely delicate golden-orange tone, extremely fine. $ 7,500

484 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a1 (pl. 1, 3); MK 1201; Göbl type Ia/4 (pl. 6, 88); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 826, this coin). Lustrous, nearly mint state, a marvelous bold strike. $ 750

485 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a1 (pl. 1, 3); MK 1201; Göbl type Ia/4 (pl. 6, 88); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 827, this coin). Superb extremely fine, no toning. $ 500

486 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.85g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, the left with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a1 (pl. 1, 3); MK 1201; Göbl type Ia/4 (pl. 6, 88); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 828, this coin). Well struck and well detailed, faint hairlines from cleaning, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

487 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.30g, mint I ("Ctesiphon"), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbols on altar shaft (SNS type Ia/1b (unlisted for mint); MK -; Göbl -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 829, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Boldly struck, extremely fine. $ 7,500

The Sunrise Collection states "Although unpublished for this mint, the overall style, especially of the king's garment on the obverse and the straight flames on the altar, are consistent with the dinars of this mint (see SNS III pl. 1, 4)."

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488 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.30g, mint II ("Western" mint), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Letters "*rast*" (truth) on the shaft of the fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 5, 59); MK 1256; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck 210; Saeedi -; Sunrise 830, this coin). Lovely style and well struck, delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 500

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489 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.22g, mint III ("Western" mint), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos decorated with trifoil pellets. Rev. Letters "*rast*" (truth) on shaft of the fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ia/3a (pl. 6, 82 corr.); MK -; Göbl type Ib/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 831, this coin). Virtually as struck and needle sharp throughout, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

The Sunrise Collection states "In his description of SNS catalog number 82, Schindel lists the obverse type as Ic, but the ribbons are clearly originating above the hair, as type Ia and Ib. As no inner ribbon is present, the type for this coin must be Ia. Interestingly, SNS does not list this type combination, while Göbl does."

490 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.52g, mint III ("Western" mint), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ic1/1a2 (pl. 6, 80); MK 1265; Göbl type 1b/4; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 832, this coin). Excellent detail, nicely toned, extremely fine. *Rarely seen this choice.* $ 500

491 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.21g, mint IV ("Western" mint), c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbols flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a2; MK -; Göbl type Ib/1; cf Paruck 206 (uncertain mint); cf Saeedi AV41 (uncertain mint); Saeedi -; Sunrise 833, this coin). Traces of possible edge filing and signs of old cleaning with a few faint hairlines in the right obverse field, toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 7,000

The Sunrise Collection states "There are no published gold issues for mint IV. Attribution is based on stylistic considerations and comparison with published drachms from this mint."

purchased from Andre de Clermont

492 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.64g, mint V (Sakastan), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, letter to right of altar, symbol and trefoil of pellets on altar shaft, pellets flanking staff of right attendant (SNS type Ib1/1b; MK 1276/1 (same dies); Göbl type Ia/5 (pl. 6, 100); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 834, this coin). Lightly toned, about extremely fine. $ 400

493 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.45g, mint V (Sakastan), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend on altar shaft; "*SKSTN*" mint name left of fire altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 7, 91); MK 1286; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Alram 803; AN 3223; Sunrise 835, this coin). Toned, very fine. $ 250

494 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.78g, mint V (Sakastan), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, large letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 7, 92-4); MK 1297 (Mint VII); Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 836, this coin). Excellent detail for the grade, toned, very fine. $ 250

495 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, mint V (Sakastan), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, large letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 7, 92-4); MK 1297 (Mint VII); Göbl type Ia/6a; Mochiri 337; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 837, this coin). Boldly struck, toned, about extremely fine. $ 300

496 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.08g, mint VI (Merv), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos, pellet to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons; mint mark letters "*mrwn*" to right of altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/2a; MK -; Loginov & Nikitin 2, type 4; Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck 245; Saeedi AV47; Sunrise 838, this coin). Boldly struck, lovely compact style, delicately toned, superb extremely fine, a marvelous example. $ 8,000

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497 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.69g, mint VIII (Herat), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend at sides and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 8, 102); MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 839, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. $ 400

498 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.26g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 8, 103); MK 1224 (Mint I); Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 840, this coin). Possible touch of minor edge filing, light golden-orange toning, about extremely fine. $ 4,500

499 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.29g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 8, 104); MK 1225 (Mint I); Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck 255; Saeedi -; Sunrise 841, this coin). A marvelous bold strike and of excellent style, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,500

500 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.90g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 8, 104); MK 1225 (Mint I); Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck 255; Saeedi -; Sunrise 842, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

501 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.28g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 8, 104); MK 1225 (Mint I); Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck 255; Saeedi -; Sunrise 843, this coin). Nicely toned, about extremely fine. $ 1,500

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502 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.66g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a; MK 1270 (Mint III); Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 844, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 500

503 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.70g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 845, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

504 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.6g, mint II. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, large pellet behind korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and no attendants (SNS type Ib1/2A; Göbl type 1b/7; Saeedi -; Sunrise -, cf Sunrise 845-A). Well struck and well centred, nicely toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

505 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold 1/6-Dinar, 1.34g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown; pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 846, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Possibly removed from jewelry, sharpness of very fine or better. *Possibly unique.* $ 2,000

506 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend "*rasty*" (truth) on altar shaft and base (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 9, 106); MK 1313; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck 211; Saeedi 207; Sunrise 847, this coin). Well struck, tiny mark before the nose, toned, extremely fine. $ 250

507 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.92g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend on altar shaft and base (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 9, 118); MK 1313; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck 211; Saeedi 207; Sunrise 848, this coin). Well struck in high relief, lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

508 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.63g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, star to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 16, 234); MK 1231 (mint I) and 1308 (mint VIII); Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 849, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 600

ex Peus 326, November 1989, lot 43
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, January 2004, lot 620

509 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.59g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, altar(?) symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 16, 243); MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 850, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

510 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.61g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, palm branch to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 16, 244); MK 1336; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 851, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

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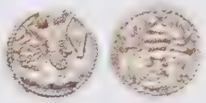
511 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.60g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 16, 244); MK 1336; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck 226; Saeedi -; Sunrise 852, this coin). Very fine. *Rare.* $ 200

512 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.63g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 16, A26); MK 1233 (mint I) and 1337; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 853, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

513 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold 1/6-Dinar, 1.58g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, left without korymbos and right with korymbos, pseudo-legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ic2/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 854, this coin, otherwise unpublished, but see SNS pl. 17, 254 = Paruck 229 for an Obol that is otherwise identical). Burnished, about very fine. *Exceedingly rare and possibly unique.* $ 1,500

purchased from Larry Gaye

514 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ic2/3a (pl. 17, 252); MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck 215; Saeedi -; Sunrise 855, this coin). Boldly struck and needle sharp, lovely compact style, toned, superb extremely fine. $ 750



515 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.55g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown, legend on altar shaft (SNS type Ic2/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 856, this coin, otherwise unpublished). A remarkable example with the obverse unusually well detailed, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

516 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.28g, mint IX ("Kabul"), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing crown with diadem. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown (SNS type II/3a (pl. 17, 255); MK 1311; Göbl type II/6a (pl. 7, 113); Paruck 275-7 (Shapur III); Saeedi -; Sunrise 857, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 7,000

The Sunrise Collection states "According to SNS, the crowns on the attendants differentiate the issues of this type as Shapur II or III. On this example, their crowns appear as the standard crown of Shapur II."

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517 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, mint XI ("Eastern" mint), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, crescent(?) to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right(?) in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown (SNS type Ib1/3a (pl. 17, 258-9); MK 1354; Göbl type III/6a (pl. 7, 114); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 858, this coin). Reverse crude, very fine / fair. $ 250

518 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, mint XII ("Eastern" mint), "*rsh*" (Rishahr), c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right without flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown (SNS type Ib1/3a (cf pl. 19, 285); MK 1319 (mint IX (Kabul)); Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 859, this coin). A few areas of weakness but virtually as struck, extremely fine, no toning. *Rare with legend on fire altar shaft.* $ 400

The Sunrise Collection states "The absence of altar flames is sometimes found on these issues, and is not significant. MK placed this type at Mint IX, but this has been changed to Mint XII in SNS."

519 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.32g, Sind. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos, letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (cf SNS III pl. 145, C1-C2; cf MK 1352; cf Paruck 253; Sunrise 860, this coin). Choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

520 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.37g, Sind. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos, letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (cf SNS III pl. 145, C1-C2; cf MK 1352; cf Paruck 253; Sunrise 861, this coin). A few scattered marks in the fields, some as made, lightly toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

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521 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Æ Unit, 10.47g, uncertain mint, c. AD 309-320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos, star before. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ia/2a (unrecorded); MK -; Göbl type Ib/7 (drachms only); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 862, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Uniform light chocolate brown patina, very fine. $ 500

The Sunrise Collection states "A significant coin in the corpus of Shahpur II. While the type combination is unrecorded in SNS, the absence of the inner ribbons below the korymbos may simply be an error, thus the obverse may actually be of type Ib. The star on the obverse is known on some coins from both Mint I ("Ctesiphon") and Mint VIII (Herat), but never with this reverse type, and neither mint has this large Æ denomination." In our opinion this was either caused by a die rotation on the reverse or overstrike on an earlier coin."

522 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Lead Unit, 2.4g. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing diadem and mural crown with korymbos, symbol in right field. Rev. Fire altar, flanked by two attendants, bust facing right in flames (SNS type 1a/3a; Göbl type Ib/6a; Saeedi -; Sunrise -, cf Sunrise 862-A). Extremely fine. *Very rare, possibly unpublished with the obverse symbol and in lead.* $ 300

523 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Gold Dinar, 7.31g, uncertain mint, c. AD 320. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 19, 280); MK -; Göbl type Ia/7; Paruck 247; Saeedi AV51-4; Sunrise 863, this coin). Well struck in high relief, wonderful compact style, delicately toned with lustre, superb extremely fine. One of the finest examples known. $ 10,000

524 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.60g, uncertain mint, c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with upward crescent symbol and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib1/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 864, this coin, otherwise unpublished with upward crescent on the fire altar shaft). Choice very fine. $ 250

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525 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.60g, uncertain mint, c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, two pellets along border at 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend on altar shaft, two pellets along border on each side (SNS type Ib1/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 865, this coin, otherwise an unpublished variety with with pellets on the borders). Toned, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 400

526 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Obol, 0.65g, uncertain mint, c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon, upward crescent to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos (SNS type Ib1/3a; MK -; Göbl type Ia/6a; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 866, this coin). Toned, superb extremely fine, a remarkable little coin. *Very rare.* $ 750

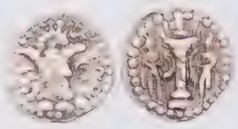
The Sunrise Collection states "Obols with upward crescents are known, but the style and lack of legends on this piece is significantly different from the published examples."

527 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.22g, uncertain mint, c. AD 320-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend on altar shaft "*shad*" (happy and joyful) (SNS type Ib1/3b (pl. 21, 322); MK 1370; Göbl type Ia/6b; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 867, this coin). Toned, nearly extremely fine. *Extremely rare with legend on the fire altar shaft.* $ 300

ex William B Warden Jr Collection, Triton XIV, 4 January 2011, lot 488

528 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Drachm, 4.35g, uncertain mint, c. AD 370-379. Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust left in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, legend on altar shaft, "*rasty*" (truthfulness) (SNS type Ib1/3b (pl. 21, 323); MK -; Göbl type Ia/6b; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 868, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

The Sunrise Collection states "SNS lists this variety under 'dubious or false' citing only one example in de Morgan. However, many more specimens of this style have appeared recently, and they clearly are authentic."



529 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur II (AD 309-379). Silver Diobol(?), 1.16g, contemporary imitation (Baktria or northern India?). Bust of Shapur II right, wearing mural crown with radiate ornament above; crescent above star and pseudo-legend to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown (NAP 869, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Very fine. $ 200

530 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir II (AD 379-383). Silver Drachm, 4.31g, mint I ("Kabul"). Bust of Ardashir II right, wearing plain crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each wearing plain crown with korymbos (SNS type Ia/1a (pl. 22, 5); Göbl type I/1; Paruck 260; Saeedi 214; Sunrise 870, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

531 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir II (AD 379-383). Gold Dinar, 7.03g, mint I ("Kabul"). Bust of Ardashir II right, wearing plain crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib/2 (pl. 23, A4-5); Göbl type I/3 (pl. 7, 124); Paruck -; Saeedi AV59; Sunrise 871, this coin). Well struck and lustrous, toned, superb extremely fine. A marvelous example of Sasanian art. *The finest example known of this great rarity.* $ 12,000

532 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir II (AD 379-383). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, mint III (AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir)). Bust of Ardashir II right, wearing plain crown with korymbos and one diadem end, crescent above diadem end. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each wearing plain crown with korymbos, inscription flanking flames, upward crescent on altar shaft (SNS type Id/1b (pl. 23, A11); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 872, this coin). Toned, nearly extremely fine. *Extremely rare with crescent at top of ribbon and crescent on the fire altar shaft.* $ 500

533 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir II (AD 379-383). Silver Obol, 0.7g. Bust of Ardashir II right, wearing plain crown with korymbos, crescent and pellet before. Rev. Fire altar, two attendants flanking (cf SNS type 1c/1a (Obol not recorded); cf Göbl type I/1 (Obol not recorded); Saeedi -; Sunrise -). Well struck, attractively toned, superb extremely fine. *Unpublished and of the greatest rarity for the denomination and type.* $ 1,000

534 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Gold Dinar, 7.27g, mint I ("Kabul"). Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ib1/2; Göbl type I/4; Paruck -; Saeedi AV59; Sunrise 873, this coin). Some faint hairlines and light marks about the rims, lustrous, superb extremely fine. *Exceedingly rare.* $ 15,000

535 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.20g, mint I ("Kabul"). Bust of Shapur III right, wearing crown with diadem. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type II/1b (pl. 25, A6); Göbl type II/6a (Shahpur II); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 874, this coin). Lustrous, superb mint state. *Exceedingly rare.* $ 7,500

The Sunrise Collection states "According to SNS, the crowns on the attendants differentiate the issues of this type as Shahpur II or III. On this example, their crowns appear as the standard crown of Shahpur III."

ex Sotheby's, 26 March 1973, lot 462
ex Bellaria collection, Triton VII, January 2004, lot 617

536 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, mint I ("Kabul"). Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type Ic/1b (pl. 25, A3); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 875, this coin). Wonderful style, toned, extremely fine. $ 500

537 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, mint VI (AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir)). Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, inscription "*rast(y)*" (truthfulness) on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1b (pl. 27, 18); Göbl type I/1; Paruck 265; Saeedi 218; Sunrise 876, this coin). An incredible coin with outstanding detail and style, lightly toned and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 2,000

538 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Silver Drachm, 4.44g, "Western" group. Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, inscription "*rast(g)*" on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/1b (pl. 29, 34); Göbl type I/1 (pl. 8, 126); Paruck -; Saeedi 222; Sunrise 877, this coin). Boldly struck, toned, extremely fine. $ 300

539 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Gold Dinar, 7.31g, Sind. Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos and decoration on clothing. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing diadem with korymbos (SNS III pl. 145, C9 (same dies); Paruck -; Sunrise 878, this coin). Boldly struck in high relief, golden orange tone, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 6,000

ex Peus, Auction 392, May 2007, lot 4406

540 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Gold Dinar, 7.30g, Sind. Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos and decoration on clothing, two letters (one uncertain) to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing diadem with korymbos (SNS III -; Paruck -; Sunrise 879, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,000

ex Triton VI, 14 January 2003, lot 524

541 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Gold Dinar, 7.30g, Sind. Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, crescent above uncertain symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants, each wearing diadem with korymbos (SNS III -; Paruck -; Sunrise 880, this coin, otherwise unpublished with these obverse symbols). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

Some symbols similar to the symbol on the obverse have been interpreted as "scorpion".

542 Sasanian Kingdom. Shapur III (AD 383-388). Silver Obol, 0.50g, uncertain mint. Bust of Shapur III right, wearing flat-topped crown with korymbos, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each wearing flat-topped crown (cf SNS type Ia1/4; cf Göbl type I/2 (and pl. 8, 130 (Æ Unit)); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 881, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

543 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 4.25g, AS (Asuristan), c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar "*rasty*" shaft and flanking altar (SNS type Ia1/2a (pl. 35, 19); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 882, this coin). Lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 750

ex William B Warden Jr Collection, Triton XIV, 4 January 2011, lot 498

544 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Gold Dinar, 7.07g, AT (Adurbadagan), c. AD 388/9. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ia1/1a (pl. 36, A17 - this coin); Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 883, this coin). Scattered marks in the fields and signs of old cleaning, toned, very fine. *This appears to be the only example offered at auction within the last 50 years. A great rarity.* $ 10,000

ex Sotheby's, May 1987, lot 64

545 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.88g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir), c. AD 388/9. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos, single diadem end, letters of mintmark "*aw*" at the end of ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, inscription - mintmark "*aw*", similar to obverse to left of altar shaft (SNS type Ia5/1a (unlisted combination); Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 884, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Well struck, toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

546 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 4.17g, AWH (Ohrmazd-Ardashir), c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants; inscription - mintmark "*awh*" above (SNS type Ia1/2a (pl. 36, 26); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 885, this coin). A nice bold strike, attractively toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

547 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.95g, BBA (Court mint), c. AD 394-399. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft and to left of flames (SNS type Ia1/3 (pl. 37, A26); Göbl type I/3 (pl. 8, 136); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 886, this coin). Well struck, a beautiful example, lustrous, no toning, nearly mint state. $ 500

548 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.96g, DALAPKLT (Darabgird), c. AD 394-399. Bust of Varhran IV right on floral ornament, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription "*vh*" and "*kar*" (good deed) on altar shaft and to left and right of flames (SNS type Id/3 (pl. 38, 38); Göbl type I/3; Mochiri 3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 887, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 300

549 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.72g, HLYDY (Herat), c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants, inscription mint mark "*hlydy*" (or "*hrydy*") on altar shaft (SNS type Ia1/2a (pl. 39, 42); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 888, this coin). A marvelous example, lightly cleaned, delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

550 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, HLYDY (Herat), c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants, inscription mintmark "*hrdy*" on altar shaft (SNS type Ia1/2a (pl. 39, 42); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 89; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 889, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 750

ex Malter 55, 1993, lot 471
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, January 2004, lot 630

551 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.56g, HLYDY (Herat), c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right, and on altar shaft (SNS type Ia1/2a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 890, this coin). Lustrous and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

552 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, Merv. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right in flames, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ic/2c (pl. 40, 57); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Göbl, *Hunnen* Em. 30 (Hunnic); Donum Burns 1565-6 (Kidarites); Sunrise 891, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 200

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553 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.63g, c. AD 388/9. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons (SNS type Ia3/1a (pl. 41, 61); Göbl type I/2 (pl. 8, 139); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 892, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

554 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Drachm, 3.87g, uncertain mint, c. AD 394-399. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ic/3 (pl. 44, A65); Göbl type I/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 893, this coin). Toned, very fine. $ 250

555 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Obol, 0.43g, uncertain mint, c. AD 389-394. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos and no ribbons, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and bust right (no flames), flanked by two attendants, pellet on altar shaft (cf SNS type Ib3/2a; cf Göbl type I/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 894, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

556 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) IV (AD 388-399). Silver Obol, 0.41g, uncertain mint, c. AD 394-399. Bust of Varhran IV right, wearing winged merlon crown with korymbos and no ribbons, symbol to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (cf SNS type Ib1/3; Göbl type I/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 895, this coin, otherwise unpublished). A wonderful full strike and an absolutely superb specime, delicately toned, nearly mint state. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,000

557 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Obol, 0.45g, AP mint. Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letters "*a p*" to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ia1/1a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 896, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

ex Peus, Auction 323, 1988, lot 988

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558 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription "*aw*" to left of flames (SNS type Ib1/1a (pl. 47, 16); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 1134; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 897, this coin). Elegant style, nicely toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

559 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.17g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft and latters "*aw*" to right of flames (SNS type Ib1/1a (pl. 47, 14); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 1135; Paruck -; Saeedi 232; Sunrise 898, this coin). Lustrous surfaces and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

560 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.59g, DALAPK (Darabgird). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letterrs "*da*" behind head. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft and to right of flames (SNS type Ib2/1a (pl. 50, 45); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* 17; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 899, this coin). A couple areas of weakness on the reverse as struck, fully lustrous, mint state. $ 750

The legend on the reverse reads "Atas Vamsahr Yazdgird az Darabgird" (Fire of Ramsubr Yazdgird from Darabgird), see M. I. Modhiri, *Petite Liste de Quelques Ateliers Sassanides,* Yazdgard I #17, published by the British Institute of Persian Studies, 1996.

561 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.00g, HLYDY (Herat). Bust of Yazdgard I, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letters "*yz*" behind crown on the second line, with the remaining letters of "*yzkrt*" above the shoulder on right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type Ia2/1a (pl. 51, A30); Göbl type I/1 (pl. 9, 146); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 900, this coin). A nice bold strike, toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare two line legend.* $ 500

562 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.56g, HLYDY (Herat). Bust of Yazdgard I, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letters "*yzd*" behind crown. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type Ia2/1a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 901, this coin). Toned, very fine. *Extremely rare two-line legend.* $ 400

563 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.06g, KALCY[DY] (Karzi). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription "*ka*" to left of flames and "*rzy*" on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a (pl. 52, A35 var (long form of mintname)); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 902, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 500

564 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.91g, KAL[CYDY] (Karzi). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, two-line legend on right and three-line on left. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a; Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 903, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. *Unique.* $ 1,000

The legend on the reverse reads "Atas Vamsahr Yazdgird az Darabgird" (Fire of Ramsubr Yazdgird from Darabgird), see M. I. Modhiri, *Petite Liste de Quelques Ateliers Sassanides,* Yazdgard I #17, published by the British Institute of Persian Studies, 1996.

565 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.18g, "*RWDY*" mint. Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letter "*lw*" (or "*rw*") behind head, double line legend in right field. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right of flames and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a (cf pl. 50, A20); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 904, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 1,200

The legend on the reverse reads "Atas Vamsahr Yazdgird az Darabgird" (Fire of Ramsubr Yazdgird from Darabgird), see M. I. Modhiri, *Petite Liste de Quelques Ateliers Sassanides,* Yazdgard I #17, published by the British Institute of Persian Studies, 1996.

566 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.75g, "*RWDY*" mint. Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, double line legend in right field. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left of flames and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a (pl. 51, A25 corr. (mint); Göbl type I/1; Morchiri, *Petite -;* Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 905, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 1,000

The legend on the reverse reads "Atas Vamsahr Yazdgird az Darabgird" (Fire of Ramsubr Yazdgird from Darabgird), see M. I. Modhiri, *Petite Liste de Quelques Ateliers Sassanides,* Yazdgard I #17, published by the British Institute of Persian Studies, 1996.

567 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, LWDY (RWDY) mint. Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, double line legend in right field. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left of flames and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a (pl. 51, A25 corr. (mint)); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 906, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 600

568 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.17g, LYW (RYW) (Rev-Ardashir). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right, on altar shaft, and to left of flames, crescent to right (SNS type Ib1/1a var 3; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 907, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 750

569 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Gold Heavyweight Dinar, 7.05g, Merv. Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, pseudo-legend to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, pseudo-legend on altar shaft, crescent to left of flames, pseudo-legend to right (SNS type Ia1/1a var. 2 (pl. 53, A48); Loginov & Nikitin 3, -; Göbl type I/1 (pl. 9, 145); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 908, this coin). Choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 5,000

570 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Gold Heavyweight Dinar, 6.88g, Merv. Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, pseudo-legend to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, pseudo-legend above (SNS type Ia1/2 (pl. 54, A49, same dies); Loginov & Nikitin 3, -; Göbl type I/3 (pl. 9, 150, same dies); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 909, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

571 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Obol, 0.53g, ST (Stakhr). Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, inscription to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ia1/1a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 910, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 300

572 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Obol, 0.47g, ST (Stakhr). Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, inscription to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, crescent above pellet on either side of flames (cf SNS type Ia1/1a 4; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 911, this coin). Lustrous, choice very fine. $ 300

573 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 3.97g, STH (Stakhr). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, double line inscription to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/1a (pl. 53, A46 - this coin (wrong mint listed)); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 912, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 2,000

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574 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, STHL (Stakhr). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letter "*s*" behind head. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons; flanked by two attendants, inscription letter "*s*" to left of flames and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib2/1a; Göbl type I/1; Mochiri, *Petite* -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 913, this coin). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 500

575 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.35g, WH (Veh-Andiyok-Shapur). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, crescent to left of flames and inscription "*wh*" to right and on altar shaft (SNS type Ib1/1a var 2 (pl. 54, 66); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Göbl Coll. 5273; Sunrise 914, this coin). Lustrous and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 500

576 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.30g, WH (Veh-Andiyok-Shapur). Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, Crescent and letter "*w*" left of flame and crescent and letter "*h*" right of flame, illegible inscription on altar shaft, crescents and letter flanking flames (SNS type Ib1/1a var. 4 (pl. 55, 67); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 915, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 500

577 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Gold Dinar, 7.14g, Sind. Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing crown with frontal crescent and korymbos, letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbon, flanked by two attendants, each wearing mural crown with korymbos, pseudo-legend to each side of flames (SNS III pl. 145, C11; Paruck -; Sunrise 916, this coin). Lustrous, choice very fine or better. *Extremely rare.* $ 5,000

578 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, uncertain mint. Bust of Yazdgard I on floral ornament right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right, and on altar shaft, illegible inscription to left of flames, letter to right (SNS type Ib1/1a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 917, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 500

579 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard I (AD 399-420). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.22g, uncertain mint. Bust of Yazdgard I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right, and on altar shaft, crescents flanking flames (SNS type Iia/1a var. 4 (pl. 58, N5 - this coin); Göbl type II/1 (cf. pl. 9, 151); Paruck 308; Saeedi AV 65; Sunrise 918, this coin). About extremely fine. $ 6,000

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580 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Obol, 0.29g, BSh mint, c. AD 420-425. Bust of Varhran V right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, letter behind crown, inscription "*vrhran*" to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ib1/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 919, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 500

581 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Drachm, 4.12g, GW (Gurgan), c. AD 425-438. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent. Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants, letters to left and right of shaft (SNS type Ia/2 (pl. 63, A17); Göbl type I/2 (pl. 9, 155); Mochiri 1378; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 920, this coin). Lustrous and delicately toned, nearly mint state. $ 300

582 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Drachm, 2.92g, GY (RD) mint, c. AD 425-438. Bust of Varhran V right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, pseudo-legend on altar shaft, letters to left of flames (SNS type Ib1/1 (unlisted mint); Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 921, this coin). About extremely fine. $ 200

583 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Drachm, 3.93g, "*GY*" (or "*RD*"), c. AD 425-438. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent. Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants, letters to left and right of shaft (SNS type Ia/2; Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 922, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 250

584 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Gold Dinar, 6.99g, Merv, c. AD 425-438. Bust of Varhran V right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ib2/2 (pl. 64, A29 ñ same dies); Loginov & Nikitin 3, -; Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi AV68; Sunrise 923, this coin). Sharpness of extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 7,500

ex Sotheby's, 20 May 1986, lot 149
ex Bellaria Collection, Triton VII, January 2004, lot 636

585 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Gold 1/6-Dinar, 0.69g, Merv, c. AD 425-438. Bust of Varhran V right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon(?). Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants (SNS type Ib2/2; Loginov & Nikitin 3, -; Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 924, this coin, otherwise an unpublished denomination for Varhran V). About extremely fine. $ 3,000

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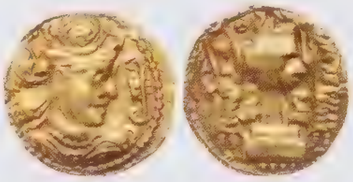
586 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, Merv mint. Bust of Varhran V right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent. Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants, inscription to left and right (SNS type Ib1/2 (pl. 67, 88); Göbl type I/2 (pl. 9, 157); Mochiri 132; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 925, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 250

587 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Silver Obol, 0.47g, ST (Stakhr), c. AD 425-428. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon, letter "*st*" behind crown and "*vrhran*" to right. Rev. Fire altar with head of Varhran V right on shaft, flanked by two attendants (cf SNS type Ia/2 (obv. bust type); Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 926, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 300



588 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Gold Dinar 7.09g, Sind. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, letter to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, crescents flanking flames (cf SNS III pl. 145, C13-4 (additional letters before bust); Paruck -; Sunrise 927, this coin, otherwise apparently unpublished). Toned, choice very fine. $ 2,500

589 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Gold Dinar 7.09g, Sind. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, letters to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, crescents flanking flames (SNS III pl. 145, C14; Paruck -; Senior, *Coinage* 5; Sunrise 928, this coin). Toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

590 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) V (AD 420-438). Gold Dinar 7.07g, Sind. Bust of Varhran V right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, symbol and uncertain legend to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, crescents flanking flames (cf SNS III pl. 145, C15 (form of symbol); Paruck -; Sunrise 929, this coin). Toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

591 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.13g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir), c. AD 438. Bust of Yazdgard II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each raising arms, inscription flanking (SNS type Ic2/1 (pl. 70, A9); Göbl type I/2 (pl. 10, 163); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 930, this coin). Nicely toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare with prayer type reverse.* $ 7,000

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592 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, GW (Gurgan), c. AD 439-447. Bust of Yazdgard II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar (flames 4) with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each holding a staff, inscription flanking (SNS type Ia1/2a (pl. 71, 14); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 1379; Paruck -; Saeedi 242; Sunrise 931, this coin). Superb extremely fine. $ 300

593 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Silver Drachm, 3.82g, KA (Karzi), c. AD 438-447. Bust of Yazdgard II right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each raising arms, inscription flanking right "*ka*" mintmark (SNS type Ia2/1; Göbl type I/2; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 932, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 200

594 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Gold Heavyweight Dinar, 7.00g, MLWY (Merv), or a local imitation. Bust of Yazdgard II right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, inscription flanking (SNS type Ib1/2a (pl. 76, N1 - this coin); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi AV A72; Sunrise 933, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 7,000

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595 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Silver Drachm, 4.22g, WH (Veh-Andiyok-Shapur), c. AD 438-447. Bust of Yazdgard II right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar (flames 1) with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each raising arms, inscription flanking (SNS type Ia2/1; Göbl type I/2; Mochiri 729; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 934, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

596 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Silver Obol, 0.41g, uncertain mint, c. AD 447-457. Bust of Yazdgard II right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon, inscription "*kdiy Iyzdkrty*" (King Yazdgard). Rev. Fire altar (flames 6) with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each holding a staff, inscription on right (SNS type Ib1/2b (pl. 72, 21 (WH mint)); Göbl type I/1; Paruck 340; Saeedi -; Sunrise 935, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 300

The Sunrise Collection states "This obol belongs to SNS reverse type 2b. On the drachms of this issue, the mint-mark appears on the left side (of the reverse), but it is lacking on all the obols."

597 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard II (AD 438-457). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.26g, uncertain mint, c. AD 447-457. Bust of Yazdgard II right on floral ornament, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent and inner ribbon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, each holding a staff (SNS type Ib1/2c; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 936, this coin, otherwise unpublished without legends on the reverse). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 5,000

598 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 3.85g, ART (Ardashir-kvarrah), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iiib/1c; Göbl III/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 937, this coin, otherwise an unpublished denomination for the mint). Lustrous, about extremely fine. $ 3,500

599 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (first crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, AS (Aspahan), c. AD 457/8. Bust of Peroz right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and no rear merlon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type I/1a (pl. 78, 18); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 938, this coin). Lustrous, extremely fine, no toning. *Very rare.* $ 250

600 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.14g, BBA (Court mint), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type IIib/1c (pl. 85, A22-3); Göbl type III/1; Mochiri 251; Paruck 346; Saeedi AV77-8; Sunrise 939, this coin). About extremely fine. $ 3,500

601 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.14g, BBA (Court mint), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iiib/1c (pl. 85, A22-3); Göbl type III/1; Mochiri 251; Paruck 346; Saeedi AV77-8; Sunrise 940, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 4,500

602 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Drachm (3), 4.15g, 4.09g and 4.16g, BBA (Court mint), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iiib/1c (pl. 85-6, 99-106), Iia/1e (pl. 88, A38), Iiib/1c, 184-195; Göbl type III/1, II/1, III/1; Mochiri 250, -, 1287; Paruck -, -, 347; Saeedi -, -, -; Sunrise 941, 944, 949, these coins). All nicely toned, generally superb extremely fine. (3) $ 300

603 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Obol, 0.38g, BB[A] (Court mint), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iiib/1c (pl. 86, 107); Göbl type III/1; Paruck 357; Saeedi -; Sunrise 942, this coin). Extremely fine. $ 300

604 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (first crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Obol, 0.41g, "*BYS*" (Bishapur) or (Aspahan), c. AD 457/8. Bust of Peroz right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and no rear merlon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants (SNS type I/1a (pl. 86, A27); Göbl type I/1 (pl. 10, 168); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 943, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely rare for first crown.* $ 300

605 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Drachm, 3.98g, "*LD*" (or "*RD*"), c. AD 474-477. Bust of Peroz left, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (cf SNS type Iiib/1e; cf Göbl type III/3; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 945, this coin, otherwise unpublished). Choice very fine. *Unique.* $ 1,000

606 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (second crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, ST (Stakhr), c. AD 458-465. Bust of Peroz I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and rear merlon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iia/1c; Göbl type II/1; Mochiri 1285; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 946, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 200

607 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (second crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Obol, 0.43g, ST (Stakhr), c. AD 458-465. Bust of Peroz right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and rear merlon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type IIa/1c(?); Göbl type II/1(?); Paruck -; cf Saeedi 253; Sunrise 947, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

608 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Obol, 0.45g, ST (Stakhr), c. AD 474-477. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iiia/1c; Göbl type III/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 948, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

609 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (third crown, AD 457/9-484). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.14g, "*WH*" (Veh-Andiyok Shapur), c. AD 477-484. Bust of Peroz right, wearing crown with two wings, frontal crescent, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon over each shoulder. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type IIib/1c (pl. 96, A55); Göbl type III/1 (pl. 10, 172); Mochiri 738; Paruck 345; Saeedi AV80; Sunrise 950, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 6,000

610 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (AD 457/9-484). Gold Dinar 7.26g, Sind. Bust of Peroz right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and rear merlon, symbol before. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS pl. 145, C17; Paruck -; Senior, *Coin*, fig. 3; Sunrise 951, this coin). Toned, choice very fine or better. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,000

611 Sasanian Kingdom. Peroz (second crown, AD 457/9-484). Silver Obol, 0.32g, uncertain mint, c. AD 458-465. Bust of Peroz right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and rear merlon. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, pellet (star) and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Iia/1c(?); Göbl type II/1(?); Paruck -; cf Saeedi 253; Sunrise 952, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 300

ex Gorny & Mosch 152, 9 October 2006, lot 1537

612 Sasanian Kingdom. Valkash (Balash) (AD 484-488). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, "*AS*" (Aspahan or Aspahan), c. AD 485-488. Bust of Valkash right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, flames on right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and head of Valkash right on shaft, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1b (pl. 100, 4-9); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 553; Paruck 365; Saeedi 255; Sunrise 954, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 800

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613 Sasanian Kingdom. Valkash (Balash) (AD 484-488). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir), c. AD 485-488. Bust of Valkash right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, flames on right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and head of Valkash right on shaft; flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1b (pl. 101, 12); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 990; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 955, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 800

614 Sasanian Kingdom. Valkash (Balash) (AD 484-488). Silver Obol, 0.49g, LD (RD), c. AD 485-488. Bust of Valkash right, wearing mural crown with korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, flames on right, letter "*h w*" right of face. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons and head of Valkash right on shaft; flanked by two attendants; star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1b (pl. 104, N1); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 956, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

615 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (first reign, AD 488-497). Silver Obol, 0.46g, ART (Ardashir-kvarrah). Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind crown. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type I/1 (pl. 105, A3); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 957, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 400

616 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (first reign, AD 488-497). Silver Drachm (3), 4.09g, 4.07g and 3.89g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir). Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind head. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type I/1 (pl. 106, 14-5), I/1 (pl. 108, 35-6), Ic/1a; Göbl type I/1, I/1, III/1; Paruck -, -, -; Saeedi -, -, -; Sunrise 958, 959, 967, these coins). Generally about extremely fine. (3) $ 300

617 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (first reign, AD 488-497). Silver Obol, 0.52g, ST (Stakhr), uncertain date. Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind crown, trefoil of pellets to right. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, "X" in margin (SNS type I/1; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 960, this coin). Toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 400

618 Sasanian Kingdom. Zamasp (Jamasp) (AD 497-499). Silver Obol 0.46g, "*ART(?), RY 1*" (AD 496/7). Bust of Zamasp right, wearing mural crown with inner crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, to right, small bust of Ahura Mazda left, holding wreath. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a; Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 961, this coin). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. *Exceedingly rare, "only seen two examples in 30 years" (Bahram Badiyi).* $ 1,000

ex Peus 380, 3 November 2004, lot 641

619 Sasanian Kingdom. Zamasp (Jamasp) (AD 497-499). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, "*KL*" (Kirman), "*RY 1*" (AD 496/7). Bust of Zamasp right, wearing mural crown with inner crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, to right, small bust of Ahura Mazda left, holding wreath. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ia/1a (pl. 111, 14); Göbl type I/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 962, this coin). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 600

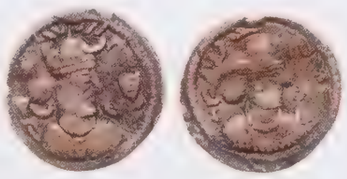
620 Sasanian Kingdom. Zamasp (Jamasp) (AD 497-499). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, "*WH*" (Veh-Andiyok-Shapur), RY 2 (AD 497/8). Bust of Zamasp right, wearing mural crown with inner crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, to right, small bust of Ahura Mazda left, holding wreath. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1a; Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 741; Paruck -; Saeedi 263; Sunrise 963, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 600

621 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (second reign, AD 499-531). Silver Obol, 0.47g, ART (Ardashir-kvarrah), RY 1(?). Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two ribbons, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star (degraded) behind head, trefoil of pellets or degraded letters to right, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1a; Göbl type II/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 964, this coin). Boldly struck, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 300

ex Ponterio, March 2006

622 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (second reign, AD 499-531). Silver Obol, 0.40g, DA (Darabgird), uncertain date. Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two ribbons, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind head, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ib/1a (pl. 124, 122-3); Göbl type II/1; Paruck 399; Saeedi -; Sunrise 966, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 500

623 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (second reign, AD 499-531). Silver Obol, 0.37g, ST (Stakhr), RY 31 (AD 518). Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two ribbons, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind head, trefoil of pellets to right, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (SNS type Ic/1a; Göbl type III/1; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 968, this coin). Superb extremely fine, no toning. *Very rare.* $ 500



624 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad I (second reign, AD 499-531). Æ Drachm, 1.94g, Special issue, uncertain mint. Bust of Kavad I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two ribbons, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, star behind head, letters to right, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Bust right, wearing cap with korymbos and pearl diadem, raising right hand (SNS type Ib/3a (pl. 137, A26-8); Göbl type II/4 (pl. 11, 192); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 969, this coin). Very fine. One of the most important coins of the late Sasanian period. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

For a comprehensive study of this coin type see "Les Monnaies de Kavad I A Double Effigie" by Societas Iranological Europaea, 1995.

625 Sasanian Kingdom. Husrav (Khosrau) I (AD 531-579). Silver Drachm (2), 4.14g and 3.82g, AW (Ohrmazd-Ardashir), RY 29 (AD 559). Bust of Husrav I right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, korymbos set on crescent, and inner ribbon, ribbons on shoulders, crescent on right shoulder, stars flanking head, crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type II/2; Mochiri 1188, -; Paruck -, -; Saeedi -, -; Sunrise 970, 971, these coins). Both lightly toned, extremely fine. (2) $ 200

626 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd IV (AD 579-590). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, AM (Amul?), RY 10 (AD 588). Bust of Hormizd IV right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 971A, this coin). Attractive light toning, superb extremely fine. $ 200

627 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd IV (AD 579-590). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, "*BHL*" (Balkh), "*RY 11*" (AD 589). Bust of Hormizd IV right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin, countermark to upper right: head left wearing earring and linear headdress, all within incuse square. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, countermark to upper right: ορορο in incuse rectangle (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 254; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 972, this coin). Very fine. $ 200

628 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd IV (AD 579-590). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, "*GD*" (Gay), "*RY 11*" (AD 589). Bust of Hormizd IV right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 973, this coin). Lustrous and delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 200

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629 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd IV (AD 579-590). Silver Drachm, 4.05g, RAM (Ram-Hormizd), RY 3 (AD 581). Bust of Hormizd IV right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin, countermark to upper right: symbol in circular incuse. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; for countermark: Göbl, *Dokumente,* grp. IV, KM 56; Sunrise 974, this coin). Choice very fine. $ 200

630 Sasanian Kingdom. Varhran (Bahram) VI (AD 590-591). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, GD (Gay), RY 1 (AD 590). Bust of Varhran VI right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1 (pl. 12, 203); Mochiri 3; Paruck 443; Saeedi 269; Sunrise 975, this coin). Lightly toned with underlying lustre, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 400

This king, throughout Persian literary sources, is also known as Bahram-e Chubin, a great general from a noble Parthian family.

631 Sasanian Kingdom. Vistahm (AD 591-597). Silver Drachm, 4.07g, RD (Ray), RY 3 (AD 594/5). Bust of Vistahm right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and pellet-in-crescent set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, pellets-in-crescents within crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 16; Paruck -; Saeedi 273; Sunrise 976, this coin). Well struck, delicately toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

632 Sasanian Kingdom. Vistahm (AD 591-597). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, LD (Ray), RY 4 (AD 595/6). Bust of Vistahm right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and pellet-in-crescent set on crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, pellets-in-crescents within crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames (Göbl type I/1 (pl. 13, 205); Mochiri 19; Paruck -; Saeedi 274; Sunrise 977, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

ex Gorny & Mosch 152, 9 October 2006, lot 1540

633 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm (4), 4.09g, 4.19g, 4.13g and 4.13g, BBA (Court mint), RY 36 (AD 620). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/3, II/3, II/2, II/2; Mochiri 275, 276-7, -, 486; Paruck -, -, -, 447; Saeedi -, -, -, -; Xinjiang -; Sunrise 978, 979, 984, 985, this coin). All well struck and attractively toned, superb extremely fine or better. (4) $ 400

634 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*DA*" (Darabgird), "*RY 25*" (AD 614). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents and inscription "*APD*" in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/3; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Xinjiang WQ-I-2-212; Sunrise 980, this coin). Lightly toned and lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 200

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635 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm, 3.94g, "*GD*" (Jay), "*RY 26*" (AD 615). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents and inscription in margin, countermark: head right in circular incuse. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents and inscription "*APD*" in margin (Göbl type II/3; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Xinjiang WQ-I-2-291 (with countermark); for countermark: Göbl, *Dokumente,* grp. II, KM 68 (Hephthalites); Sunrise 981, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 250

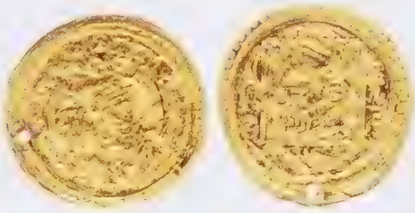
purchased from William Warden Jr

636 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm, 3.97g, "*LD*" (Ray), "*RY 30*" (AD 619). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents in margin, countermark: tamgha in circular incuse. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/3; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Xinjiang -; for countermark: Göbl, *Dokumente,* grp. IV, KM 56; Sunrise 982, this coin). Extremely fine, no toning. $ 200

637 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm, 4.05g, "*LD*" (Rayz), "*RY 33*" (AD 624). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents, inscription "*APD*", and eleven-pointed star in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/3; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; cf Xinjiang WQ-I-2-307-311 (no star in margin on obv.); Sunrise 983, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. *Extremely rare, apparently only two known examples.* $ 500

ex William B Warden Jr Collection

638 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Gold Lightweight Dinar, 4.56g, uncertain mint, RY 21 (AD 610). Insciption: "*Khosrau, the king of kings may (he) prosper*" in Pahlavi, bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and two wings surmounted by star-in-crescent, fillet over each shoulder, crescent over right shoulder, crown flanked by star and star-in-crescent. Rev. Inscription: "*Iran has prospered*" in Pahlavi, facing bust of Anahit in flame nimbus (Malek 6-7; Göbl type III/4 (pl. 14, 217); Mochiri 916; Paruck -; Saeedi AV94-AV95; Sunrise 986, this coin). Boldly struck and well centred, lustrous, nearly mint state. A magnificent example of this popular issue. *Rare.* $ 12,500



639 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Gold Heavyweight Dinar, 7.22g, uncertain mint. Overstruck as a type F Dinar of Ilkhan Abu Saíid (AD 1316-1355). Bust of Khusru II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and two wings surmounted by star-in-crescent, fillet over each shoulder, crescent over right shoulder, crown flanked by star and star-in-crescent. Rev. Facing bust of Anahit in flame nimbus (Malek 9; Göbl type III/4; Mochiri -; Paruck 457; Saeedi -; Sunrise 987, this coin). Holed, fair. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,000

Ilkhan Mongols of Persia saw themselves as heir to ancient Persian Empires in order to establish legitimacy. They undertook major repair and renovation of ancient Sasanian sites, most importantly, the compound of the fire temple of "Shiz", also known as "Azar Goshnasp". This is where Khusru II, along with many other Sasanian kings, made pilgrimage to. Shiz was considered the holiest fire temple in the Sasanian Empire.

The Sunrise Collection states "The typical dinars of this type weigh an average of approximately. 4.55 grams, but there are also extremely rare issues around 6.5 and 7.2 grams. Malek lists all of these together, but calls the heavy coins 1½-Dinars. While the term 1½-Dinars is accurate for the middle weight coins (c. 6.5 grams), it is not correct for the heaviest coins (c. 7.2 grams), which are about one-and-two-thirds Dinars on a 4.55 gram standard. A more appropriate term for each of the three weight classes would be light Dinars, Dinars, and heavy Dinars, respectively."

ex Peus, Auction 368, 25-28 April 2001, lot 403
private purchase from Steve Album

640 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru II (AD 590-628). Silver Drachm, 4.04g, uncertain mint, RY 23 (AD 612). Facing bust of Khusru II, wearing mural crown with two wings and star-in-crescent, ribbons on shoulders, monogram to upper left, star-in-crescents flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Facing bust of Anahit with flame nimbus, double inner border and single outer border, star-in-crescents in between (Malek, *Khusrau* -; Göbl type IV/5; Mochiri 917; Paruck -; Saeedi 277; Sunrise 988, this coin). Boldly struck, beautifully toned and great style, extremely fine and a superb example of this classic Sasanian rarity. $ 7,500

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641 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad II (AD 628). Silver Drachm, 4.10g, "*APL*" (Abrashahr), "*RY 2*" (AD 628). Bust of Kavad II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Malek, *Kavad* -; Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi 287; Sunrise 990, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Extremely rare mint.* $ 1,250

642 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad II (AD 628). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, *AYLAN* mint, *RY 2* (AD 628). Bust of Kavad II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Malek, *Kavad* 31-50 (this coin unrecorded); Göbl type I/1 (pl 14, 226); Mochiri 925; Paruck -; Saeedi 290; Sunrise 991, this coin). Lustrous, superb extremely fine, no toning. *Very rare.* $ 750

ex Triton XII, 6 January 2009, lot 455

643 Sasanian Kingdom. Kavad II (AD 628). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, *LD* (Ray), *RY 2* (AD 628). Bust of Kavad II right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Malek, *Kavad* 70-3 (this coin unrecorded); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 992, this coin). Well struck, extremely fine, no toning. *Very rare.* $ 750

644 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, ART (Ardashir-kvarrah), RY 2 (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 993, this coin). Toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare mint for Ardeshir III and also rare for first crown on the second year.* $ 250

The Sunrise Collection states "It appears that the date [RY2] was re-engraved in the die over the date [RY1]. The mint name also has indications of being reengraved, perhaps from mint ST (cf. Mochiri 1359) or even AT (cf. Mochiri 1358)."

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645 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, BYSH (Bishapur), RY 2 (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 994, this coin). Extremely fine. *Rare mint for Ardeshir III.* $ 250

646 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.09g, NH (uncrtain mint). RY 1 (AD 628). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 840; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 995, this coin). Well struck and lightly toned, superb extremely fine. $ 250

647 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.11g, WH (Veh-Andiyok-Shapur), RY 2 (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 841; Paruck 472; Saeedi -; Sunrise 996, this coin). Well struck, extremely fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 250

648 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, NH (uncertain), RY 2 (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/1; Mochiri 842; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 997, this coin). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 250

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649 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.13g, WLC or (WRCH) mint, RY 2 (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin, countermark to upper right: tamgha in circular incuse. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/1; Mochiri 842; Paruck -; Saeedi -; for countermark: Göbl, *Dokumente,* grp. IV, KM 56; Sunrise 998, this coin). Choice very fine. *Very rare mint.* $ 250

650 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, WYHC (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), RY 1 (AD 628). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 699; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 999, this coin). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 250

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651 Sasanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*WYHC*" (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), "*RY 2*" (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/1; Mochiri 435 and 700-1; Paruck -; Saeedi 295; Sunrise 1000, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. $ 250

652 Sâsanian Kingdom. Ardashir III (AD 628-630). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*WYHC*" (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), "*RY 2*" (AD 629). Bust of Ardashir III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and korymbos set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type II/1; Mochiri 435 and 700-1; Paruck -; Saeedi 295; Sunrise 1001, this coin). Toned, extremely fine. $ 250

653 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru III (AD 629-631) or Khusru V (AD 631-637). Silver Drachm, 4.14g, . "*WYHC*" (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), "*RY 2*" (AD 630 or 632). Beardless bust of Khusru III or V right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1 (pl. 15, 232; Khusru V); Mochiri 437, 482, 487, and 501 (Khusru III); Paruck 481 (Khusru V); Saeedi 310; Sunrise 1002, this coin). Well struck and beautifully toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 700

654 Sasanian Kingdom. Khusru III (AD 629-631) or Khusru V (AD 631-637). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*WYHC*" (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), "*RY 2*" (AD 630 or 632). Beardless bust of Khusru III or V right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star-in-crescent, ribbons and crescents on shoulders, stars flanking crown, double border, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, triple border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1 (pl. 15, 232; Khusru V); Mochiri 437, 482, 487, and 501 (Khusru III); Paruck 481 (Khusru V); Saeedi 310; Sunrise 1003, this coin). Delicately toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 700

655 Sasanian Kingdom. Buran (Boran) (AD 630-631). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*APL*" (Abrashahr), "*RY 1*" (AD 630). Bust of Buran right, wearing crown with two wings and korymbos set on crescent; ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, star and star-in-crescent flanking crown; star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons; flanked by two attendants; star and crescent flanking flames; triple border, star-in-crescents in margin. Malek & Curtis 8 (this coin unrecorded); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 74; Paruck -; Saeedi 299; Sunrise 1004, this coin). Very *rare* mint. A lovely example of this classic Sasanian rarity as Queen Buran had a very short reign. Lightly toned About extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 4,000

656 Sasanian Kingdom. Buran (Boran) (AD 630-631). Silver Drachm, 4.16g, "*GW*" (Gurgan), "*RY 1*" (AD 630). Bust of Buran right, wearing crown with two wings and korymbos set on crescent; ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, star and star-in-crescent flanking crown; star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons; flanked by two attendants; star and crescent flanking flames; triple border, star-in-crescents in margin. Malek & Curtis 15-6 (this coin unrecorded); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 1466; Paruck -; Saeedi 302; Sunrise 1005, this coin). Very *rare* mint for Buran. Well struck throughout and attractively toned. superb extremely fine. One of the finest examples known of this popular Queen. *Very rare.* $ 7,000

657 Sasanian Kingdom. Buran (Boran) (AD 630-631). Silver Drachm, 4.01g, "*SK*" (Sakastan), "*RY 2*" (AD 630/1). Bust of Buran right, wearing crown with two wings and korymbos set on crescent; ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, star and star-in-crescent flanking crown; star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons; flanked by two attendants; star and crescent flanking flames; triple border, star-in-crescents in margin. Malek & Curtis 29-73; Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 385; Paruck 477 corr (mint); Saeedi 303; Sunrise 1006, this coin). Attractive light toning choice very fine. $ 1,000

658 Sasanian Kingdom. Azarmidokht (AD 631). Silver Drachm, 4.15g, "*WYHC*" (Veh-az-Amid-Kavad), "*RY 1*" (AD 631). Bust of Azarmidokht right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl -; Mochiri 507; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 1007, this coin). Boldly struck, beautifully toned, superb extremely fine, a magnificent example of this great rarity. *Extremely Rare, especially without bearded portrait.* $ 15,000

This is the finest known example and is the rarest Silver Drachm, of Sasanian coinage. This appears to be the first time this coin has ever been offered at auction.

659 Sasanian Kingdom. Hormizd V or VI (AD 631-632). Silver Drachm, 4.20g, "*AYLAN*" or "*AYRAN*" (Shush) mint, *"RY 2"* (AD 631/2). Bust of Hormizd V or VI right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 929; Paruck -; Saeedi 305; Sunrise 1008, this coin). Lustrous, nearly mint state. $ 400

660 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard III (AD 632-651). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, "*BBA*" (Court mint), "*RY 19*" (AD 650). Bust of Yazdgard III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, double border, star-in-crescents in margin (Tyler-Smith, *Coinage,* type 11/3 (unlisted dies); Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 1009, this coin). Lightly toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 250

By this time Ctesiphon had fallen and since Yazdgard III was on the move during this regnal year, BBA (court mint) refers to the moving mint that accompanied the king on his eastward retreat.

661 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard III (AD 632-651). Silver Drachm, 4.07g, "*SK*" (Sakastan), "*RY 3*" (AD 634). Bust of Yadzgard III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, double border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri 388; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 1010, this coin). Lightly toned, superb extremely fine. *Rare with beardless portrait.* $ 200

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662 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard III (AD 632-651). Silver Drachm, 4.03g, "*SK*" (Sakastan), "*RY 4*" (AD 635). Bust of Yazdgard III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, double border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; Mochiri -; Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 1011, this coin). An excellent example from this mint, lightly tonedl very fine. *Very rare this choice and very rare with the beardless portrait.* $ 200

663 Sasanian Kingdom. Yazdgard III (AD 632-651). Silver Drachm, 3.99g, "*SK*" (Sakastan), "*RY 4*" (AD 635). Bust of Yazdgard III right, wearing mural crown with frontal crescent, two wings, and star set on crescent, ribbon on left shoulder, crescent and ribbon on right, stars flanking crown, star-in-crescents in margin. Rev. Fire altar with ribbons, flanked by two attendants, star and crescent flanking flames, double border, star-in-crescents in margin (Göbl type I/1; cf Mochiri 388 (date); Paruck -; Saeedi -; Sunrise 1012, this coin). Slightly ragged edge, delicately toned, extremely fine. *Rare with beardless portrait.* $ 200

ALEXANDER WHITE III COLLECTION OF BYZANTINE AND MEDIEVAL COINS

BYZANTINE

664 Anastasius I (AD 491-518). Gold Solidus, 4.37g, Constantinople, c.507-518. D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Anastasius I facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield decorated with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left, holding staff surmounted by reversed staurogram, star to left, I//CONOB. (DOC 7j; MIBE 7; SB 5). Extremely fine. $ 400

665 Maurice Tiberius (AD 582-602). Gold Solidus, 10.63g, Constantinople, 583 or 602. Crowned figure of Maurice Tiberius enthroned facing, wearing consular robes, holding mappa and cross. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, ς//CONOB. (cf DOC 2 (officina not recorded); MIBE 2; cf SB 474 (same)). Mounted in antiquity on a heavy gold bezel with three loops for suspension, probably part of a chain, wavy flan, about very fine. *Very rare consular issue.* $ 800

666 Maurice Tiberius (AD 582-602). Gold Solidus, 4.36g, Constantinople, 583-601. D N mAVRC Tib PP AVI, draped and cuirassed bust of Maurice Tiberius facing, wearing plumed helmet and holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, Γ//CONOB. (DOC 5c; MIBE 6; SB 478). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 400

667 Phocas (AD 602-610). Gold Solidus, 4.30g, Constantinople, 603-607. O N FOCAE P?RP AVG, crowned, draped and cuirassed bust of Phocas facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, H//CONOB. (DOC 5h; MIBE 7; SB 618). About extremely fine. $ 300

668 Phocas (AD 602-610). Gold Solidus, 4.43g, Constantinople, 607-610. d N FOCAS P?RP AVI, crowned, draped and cuirassed bust of Phocas facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, Z//CONOB. (DOC 10g; MIB 9; SB 620). Choice very fine. $ 300

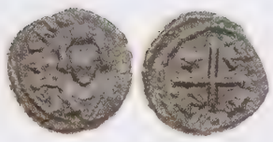
669 Phocas (AD 602-610). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Constantinople, 603. O N FOCAS P?RP AV-, crowned bust of Phocas facing, wearing consular robes, holding mappa and cross. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, E//CONOB. (cf DOC 4 (officina not recorded); MIB 2; SB 623). Choice very fine. *Rare consular type.* $ 700

670 Phocas (AD 602-610). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Carthage, Indictional year 6 (602/3). D N FOCA P[ ]RP AN ς, crowned and draped bust of Phocas facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, ς//CONOB. (cf DOC 108-11 (Indiction); MIBE 32; SB 681). Toned, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

671 Revolt of the Heraclii (AD 608-610). Æ Follis, 10.57g, Alexandria, regnal year 14 (610). [d] m N ERACLIO CO[NSUL II], crowned busts of Heraclius, on left, and his father the exarch Heraclius, on right, facing, both wearing consular robes, cross above. Rev. Large M between A/N/N/O [X]/IIII; cross above, A//AΛEΞAN[Δ]. (DOC 17 (Alexandretta); MIBE 16b; SB 723 (Alexandretta)). Dark brown patina, very fine. $ 300

A deplorable state of unrest existed towards the end of the reign of Phocas, and the Emperor was generally detested by both the aristocracy, who he had cruelly persecuted, and by his subjects, who were opposed to his orthodox religious policies. The frontiers of the Empire were being tested on all sides, with the Avars and Slavs overrunning the Balkans, and the Sasanians under Khusrow II invading from the East. It appeared that the Empire was close to collapse.

In 608 in Carthage, the venerable exarch Heraclius raised the standards of rebellion. While he dealt with the loyal Niketas, a nephew of the general Bonosus, his son marched to confront Phocas in Constantinople. It took two years for the latter to reach the capital, but once there he was warmly welcomed by the people. The Patriarch of Constantinople crowned Heraclius emperor, and Phocas, who had been abandoned by his bodyguard, was and quickly deposed and executed.



672 Revolt of the Heraclii (AD 608-610). Æ Decanummium, 4.31g, Carthage. ERACΛIO [CONSVΛ] I, bare-headed bust of Heraclius facing, wearing consular robes, cross above. Rev. Large X, N M with pellets above and below across field, cross above, star below (DOC 8; MIB 13; SB 715). Green patina, about very fine. $ 250

673 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.52g, uncertain eastern military mint, c. 613-616. [d]d NN hERACLIXS Eτ hRA CONST P, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing on exergual line, cross above. Rev. VICT[O]RIA AVGX, cross potent set on two steps, IΠ//CONOB. (DOC 187b (Alexandria); Bendall type 4, figs. 14 and 16; MIBE 77/8-77/9 (Cyprus); SB 851 (Jerusalem)). Extremely fine. $ 500

These Solidi of Heraclius with coarse, squat figures (often above an exergual line) and with the letters I, IX or I? at the end of the reverse legend, are likely from a military mint operating in northern Syria, or perhaps in Egypt, which supplied coinage for the forces of Heraclius fighting the Sasanians who had occupied much of the region. There are other Solidi of Heraclius, struck at Constantinople early in the reign, which also sometimes have an exergual line on the obverse, but the style of the figures on these Solidi is considerably more refined, and also they lack the reverse letters. For additional information on this interesting period and coinage, see S. Bendall, *The Byzantine coinage of the mint of Jerusalem*, RN 159 (2003), pp.307-22.

674 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.37g, Constantinople. Crowned figures of Heraclius, in centre, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, standing facing, each holding globus cruciger, to left, much smaller diademed figure of Heraclonas, standing facing, holding globus cruciger, cross above Heraclonas. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, monogram to right, I//CONOB. (DOC 33g; MIB 39; SB 758). Toned, extremely fine. $ 500

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675 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.41g, Constantinople, 629-632. DD NN HERACLIXS Eτ hERA CONS PP AVG, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing; cross above. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, Δ//CONOB. (DOC 30a; MIB 35; SB 752). Edge bump, excellent well-detailed portraits, choice extremely fine. $ 500

676 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.35g, Constantinople, Indictional year 12 (638/9). Crowned figures of Heraclius between Heraclonas, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, standing facing, each holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, monogram to left, IB monogram (Indictional year) to right, I//CONOBA. (DOC 42d; MIB 49; SB 768). Choice very fine. $ 300

677 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.45g, Constantinople, 639(?)-641. Crowned figures of Heraclius between Heraclonas, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, standing facing, each holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, monogram to left, E//CONOB. (DOC 43d; MIB 50; SB 769). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

678 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.28g, lightweight issue of 23 Siliquae, Constantinople, 610-613. d N hERACLI-XS PP AVI, draped and cuirassed bust of Heraclius facing, wearing plumed helmet, holding cross; star to right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, star to right, E//CONOB. (DOC 5a; MIB 54; SB 772). Graffito 'X' in obverse field, small scratch on edge, nearly extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 700

679 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.43g, Constantinople, c.610. d N hERAC-LI PER AVI, draped and cuirassed bust of Heraclius facing, wearing plumed helmet, holding cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on two steps, CONOB. (DOC -; MIB 1b; SB 729A). About extremely fine. *Very rare, earliest issue solidus of Heraclius.* $ 500

680 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.42g, Constantinople, c.616-625. dd NN hERACLIXS ET hERA CONST PP AVG, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing, cross above. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, Θ following officina letter, I//CONOB. (DOC 17e; MIB 19; SB 742). Extremely fine. $ 400

681 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.45g, Constantinople, 629-632. dd NN hERAC[LIXS] ET hERA CONST PP AV, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing, cross above. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, I//CONOB. (DOC 26i; MIB 29; SB 749). Toned, extremely fine. $ 400

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682 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Solidus, 4.46g, Carthage, Indicional year 4 (628/9). d N ERACLIVS E ERA CONST PP V, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing; cross above. Rev. VICTOR-IA AVGG, cross potent set on two steps, Δ//CONOB. (DOC 222; MIB 84b; SB 867). About extremely fine. $ 400

683 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Semissis, 2.13g, Constantinople, 610-613(?). d N hERACLI-XS PP AVI, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Heraclius right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on globe, I. (DOC 51c; MIBE 70; SB 784). Excellent style, extremely fine. $ 250

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684 Heraclius (AD 610-641). Gold Semissis, 2.19g, Constantinople, 613(?)-641. d N hERACLI-XS τ PP AV, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Heraclius right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on globe, ς. (DOC 52b; MIBE 72; SB 785). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 300

685 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.38g, Constantinople, 641-646. D N CONSτAN-τINVS PP AV, crowned and draped bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, B//CONOB. (DOC 1b; MIB 24; SB 958). Extremely fine. $ 400

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686 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.44g, Constantinople, Indictional year 5 (646/7). d N CONSτAN-τINXS PP AVX, crowned and draped bust of Constans II facing bust, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set upon three steps, E (Indictional year) to right, B//CONOB. (DOC 5a; MIB 9; SB 942). Small scrape on obverse and a few other light marks in fields, about extremely fine. $ 300

687 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Constantinople, 650/1. d N CONSτANτ-INXS PP AVI, crowned bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, ς//CONOB. (DOC 16b; MIB 20; SB 953). A couple of light scratches in fields and softness around the legends, very fine. $ 300

688 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.35g, Constantinople, 651-654. D N CONSτAN-τINVS PP AVG, crowned and draped bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, I//CONOB+. (cf DOC 21 (officina not recorded); MIB 24; SB 958). Very fine. $ 300

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689 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.15g, lightweight issue of 23 Siliquae. Constantinople, 651-654. [δ N] CONSτAN-τINXS P P AVI, crowned bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VI[CTORIA] AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, eight-rayed star in right field, B//CONOB. (DOC 22b; MIB 46; SB 977). Small graffito in reverse field, very fine. $ 300

690 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.44g, Constantinople, 654-659. d N CONSτANτINXS C CONSTANT, crowned busts of Constans, on left, and Constantine, on right, facing; cross above. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, I//CONOB. (DOC 25j; MIB 26; SB 959). Light graffito on obverse, extremely fine. $ 400

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691 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.30g, Constantinople, 659-c.661. D N CONS-τANτIN[...], helmeted and draped bust of Constans II, on left, and crowned and draped bust of Constantine IV, on right, facing; cross above. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGX, long cross set on globe between Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, both beardless, each wearing crown and chlamys, and holding globus cruciger, H+//CONOB. (DOC 29e; MIB 30; SB 963). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 500

692 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.29g, Constantinople, c.661-c.663. Legend very fragmentary, helmeted and draped bust of Constans II, on left, and crowned and draped bust of Constantine IV, on right, facing; cross above. Rev. VICTORIA A-VGX, cross potent set on three steps between Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, both beardless, each wearing crown and chlamys, and holding globus cruciger, Z (retrograde) //CONOB. (DOC 30f; MIB 31; SB 964). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 500

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693 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.28g, Constantinople, c. 663-668. VICTORIA AVGX, helmeted and draped bust of Constans I facing, holding globus cruciger, cross on helmet, Θ at end of legend. Rev. Crowned figures of Constantine IV between Heraclius, on right, and Tiberius, on left, standing facing, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, CONOB. (DOC 40c; MIB 39; SB 972). Extremely fine. $ 500

694 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.33g, Constantinople, c. 663-668. VICTORIA AVGX E, helmeted and draped bust of Constans facing, holding globus cruciger; no cross on helmet. Rev. figures of Constantine IV between Heraclius, on right, and Tiberius, on left, standing facing, each holding globus cruciger, CONOB. (DOC 42d; MIB 41; SB 974). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 400

695 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.31g, Carthage, Indictional year 3 (644/5). D N CON-TATHOΛ, crowned bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTOR-I AVG, cross potent set on two steps, Γ (Indictional year) following legend, CONOB. (cf DOC 107 (year not recorded); MIB 56; SB 1029). Choice very fine. $ 300

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696 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Solidus, 4.32g, Carthage, Indictional year 14 (655/6). D N [...]TA-NTINV, crowned busts of Constans II, on left, holding globus cruciger, and Constantine IV, on right, facing. Rev. VICTO-RI AV, cross potent set on three steps, I in left field, P in right field, IΔ (Indictional year) following legend, CONOB. (cf DOC 123 (year not recorded); MIB 68; SB 1041). Choice very fine. $ 300

697 Constans II (AD 641-668). Silver Hexagram, 6.76g, Constantinople, 647-651. d N CONSTAN-TINXS PP AVG, crowned and draped bust of Constans II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. dEXS AdIXTA ROMANIS, cross potent on globe set on three steps (DOC 50; MIB 144; SB 991). Old cabinet toning, clashed reverse die, very fine. $ 300

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698 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.38g, Constantinople, 668-673. d N CONSτ-[A]-NXS PP, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder. Rev. VICTORIA A-VGX, cross potent set on three steps between crowned standing figures of Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, B//CONOB. (DOC 6b; MIB 4C; SB 1153). Lustrous, extremely fine. $ 500

699 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.27g, Constantinople, 674-681. d N IICO-A-NXS P, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VIC:TOR [A]VGX, cross potent set on three steps between crowned standing figures of Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, I//CONOB. (DOC 8e; MIB 7a; SB 1154). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 500

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700 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.34g, Constantinople, 681-685. P CONST-A-NXS (X retrograde) PP A, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTORA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, E//CONOB. (cf DOC 12 (officina not recorded); MIB 10; SB 1157). A few light marks and a small nick on edge of reverse, about extremely fine. $ 400

701 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Semissis, 2.09g, Constantinople, 669-c.674. d N COSτAN-τINXS (X retrograde) PP A, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent set on globe (DOC 16; MIB 15B; SB 1161). Toned, extremely fine. $ 250

702 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Semissis, 2.14g, Constantinople, 669-c.674. d N COSτ-ANτS VXS PP A, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent set on globe (DOC 16; MIB 15B; SB 1161). Lustrous, superb extremely fine. $ 400

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703 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Tremissis, 1.36g, Syracuse. d N COSτ-ANτS AX, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, I between two pellets following legend, CONOB (two pellets) (DOC 59 ter; MIB 42; SB 1206). Beautiful style, superb extremely fine. $ 300

704 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Tremissis, 1.40g, uncertain Italian mint. d N CONSTANTINXS P P AG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV right. Rev. VICTORI-A [A]VGX IΔ, cross potent, CONOB. (cf DOC 77 (without Δ); MIB 49 (Rome); SB 1228). Planchet flaw on reverse, extremely fine. $ 300

705 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.27g, possibly Naples, 681-685. P OCNS-TA-N PP A, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTRIA ANRTO, cross potent set on three steps, $^{2}I^{2}$ following legend, CONOB. (DOC -; cf MIB pl. 34, X2; SB 1230A). Minor striking weakness on obverse, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

Hahn attributed this anomalous issue to Naples, but it is possible that it was struck at either a different subsidiary mint or, perhaps more likely, a mobile military mint operating in Italy.

706 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.20g, Carthage, 674-c.675. D ON-CS VO, crowned bust of Constantine IV facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. Long cross set on three steps between crowned facing busts of Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger (DOC 42; MIB 18; SB 1187). Choice very fine. $ 500

707 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.34g, Carthage, c.675/6. D O-N-S (S retrograde) VGG, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. Cross potent set on three steps between crowned standing figures of Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, ONB. (DOC 43a.2; MIB 20; SB 1188). Seemingly overstruck, toned, choice very fine. $ 500

708 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.26g, Carthage, Indictional year 8 (679/80). D ONS (S retrograde) [...], helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing, holding spear over shoulder. Rev. Cross potent set on three steps between crowned standing figures of Heraclius, on left, and Tiberius, on right, each wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger, H (Indictional year) to left, S (retrograde) to right, [C]ONOB. (DOC -; MIB 26 (Sardinia); SB 1189A). Extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 700

709 Constantine IV Pogonatus (AD 668-685). Gold Solidus, 4.30g, Carthage, 681-685. [...]ONST-A-NVS PP, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Constantine IV facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTOR[IA A]V A, cross potent set on three steps, CONOB. (DOC 49; MIB 29; SB 1192). Well struck and lustrous, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

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710 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.39g, Constantinople, 686/7. IXSTINIA-NXS PE AV, crowned bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTOΛA AVçX, cross potent set on three steps, Δ//CONOB. (cf DOC 1 (officina not recorded); MIB 1; SB 1242). Much lustre in the fields, extremely fine. $ 1,200

711 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.44g, Constantinople, 686/7. IXSTINIA-NXS PE AV, crowned bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVçX, cross potent set on three steps, Γ//CONOB. (DOC 2a; MIB 2; SB 1243). Faint scratch in reverse field, toned, extremely fine. $ 800

712 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.02g, lightweight issue of 23 Siliquae. Constantinople, 686/7. IXSTINIA-NXS PE AV, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, eight-rayed star in right field, I//CONOB. (DOC 2b corr. (not described as light weight); MIB 10; SB 1250). About extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,500

713 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.42g, Constantinople, 686/7. IXSTINIA-NXS PE AV, crowned bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVϛX, cross potent set on three steps, E//CONOB. (cf DOC 4 (officina not recorded); MIB 4; SB 1245). Choice very fine. $ 800

714 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.41g, Constantinople, 687-692. D IXSTINIA-NXS PP AV, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, Z//CONOB. (DOC 5f; MIB 6; SB 1246). Lustrous and well struck, nicely toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,500

715 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Constantinople, 687-692. D IXSTINIA-NXS PE AV, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, H//CONOBΓ. (DOC 6e; MIB 7; SB 1247). Extremely fine. $ 500

716 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.38g, Constantinople, 692-695. Ih CRISTOS REX REGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D IXSTINI-AN-XS SERX CRISTI, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on three steps, CONOP. (DOC 7; MIB 8a; SB 1248). Toned, extremely fine. $ 2,500

The portrait of Christ on this coin is the first numismatic representation of Christ in human form, and occurred as a result of the Quinisext Council. This synod of 215 bishops from the Eastern Roman Empire was called together in 692 by order of Justinian, and attempted to settle differences in ritual observance within the Church. One of the Council's many resolutions, Canon 82, allowed for the iconic representation of the divine in human form. During the course of the next century, this ruling led to one of the greatest schisms of the early Church, Iconoclasm.

717 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.22g, Syracuse, 685-695. [D] IXST-NIANX PP, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA [A]VGX, cross potent set on three steps, Θ following legend, CONOB. (DOC 41a; MIB 23; SB 1281). Toned, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

718 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 3.98g, Syracuse. P IꞬXTXI-ITINIG, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, H in right field, Θ at end of legend, CONOB. (DOC 43; MIB 14 (second reign); SB 1282). Lightly clipped and reverse surfaces slightly rough, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

719 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.24g, uncertain Italian mint. IꞬSTINIA-NSꞬ PE AV, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, + at end of legend, CONOB. (DOC -; MIB 29 (Naples); SB 1315A). A beautiful example, toned, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

720 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Semissis, 2.08g, Constantinople, 687-692. D IꞬSTINIA-NꞬS PE AV, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGꞬS, cross potent set on small globus (DOC 9; MIB 11; SB 1251). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

721 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Semissis, 1.41g, Syracuse. d IꞬSτI-NIANꞬS PP, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Justinian II right. Rev. VICTOR[IA] AVGX, cross potent on globe, Θ to right, Θ at end of legend (DOC p.594, note; MIB 20 (second reign); SB 1289B). Toned, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

Because of the type, we have called this coin a Semissis, but weight is that of a Tremissis.

722 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Tremissis, 1.38g, Constantinople, 685/6. IXSTINI-ANXS P, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Justinian II right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 11; MIB 13; SB 1253). Overstruck, small planchet flaw on neck, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

723 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Tremissis, 1.40g, Constantinople, 687-692. D IXSTINIA-NXS P[E A]V, crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AV[GX]S, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 13; MIB 15; SB 1255). Nicely toned, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

724 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Tremissis, 1.32g, Constantinople, 692-695. IhS [C]hS REX REGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D N I[XSTINI]-A-NXS S[ER]X CRISTI, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on decorated base (DOC 14; MIB 16; SB 1256). Clashed reverse die and overstruck, toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 700

725 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Tremissis, 1.26g, Syracuse, 685-695. d IXSτI-NI[AN…], diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Justinian II right. Rev. VICTORIA AVVX, cross potent, K in right field, CONOB. (DOC 52, note; MIB 21b (second reign); SB 1293). Toned, choice very fine. *Rare.* $ 400

726 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Silver Hexagram, 6.36g, Constantinople, 692-695. [IhS CRISTOS REX] REGNANT[IX]M, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. [D IXSTINI]-AN-XS SERX CRISTI, Justinian standing facing, holding cross potent on three steps, […// CONOP]. (DOC 17; MIB 40; Yannopoulos type II, 4-8; SB 1259). Thick, dark toning, some filing on the edges, about very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 700

727 Leontius (AD 695-698). Gold Solidus, 4.27g, Constantinople. D LEO-N PE AV, crowned bust of Leontius facing, wearing loros, holding akakia and globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, ΓA//CONOB. (cf DOC 2 (officina not recorded); MIB 2; SB 1331). A couple of small scratches in fields, great style, superb extremely fine. $ 3,000

728 Leontius (AD 695-698). Gold Solidus, 4.24g, Constantinople. D LEO-N PE AV, crowned bust of Leontius facing, wearing loros, holding akakia and globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, A//CONOB. (DOC 1a; MIB 1; SB 1330). Light scratches in reverse field, toned, choice very fine. $ 1,000

729 Leontius (AD 695-698). Gold Tremissis, 1.41g, Constantinople. [D] LEO-[N PE AV], crowned bust of Leontius facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICT[OR]IA AVGXS, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 4; MIB 5; SB 1333). Toned, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

730 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705). Gold Solidus, 4.34g, Constantinople. D τIbERI-XS PE AV, crowned and cuirassed bust of Tiberius III facing, holding spear over chest and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, A//CONOB. (DOC 1a; MIB 1; SB 1360). Lustrous, toned extremely fine. $ 1,000

731 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705). Gold Semissis, 1.98g, Constantinople. D τIbERI-XS PE AV, crowned and cuirassed bust of Tiberius III facing, holding spear over chest and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent set on globe (DOC 3; MIB 7; SB 1362). Small attempted puncture, choice very fine. $ 500

732 Tiberius III (Apsimar) (AD 698-705). Gold Tremissis, 1.37g, Constantinople. D τIbERI-[XS PE AV], crowned and cuirassed bust of Tiberius III facing, holding spear over chest and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 4; MIB 8; SB 1363). Light scratch on reverse with weak legends, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 400

733 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Solidus, 4.38g, Constantinople, 705. [d N] IhS CRS RE RGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D IXS-TINIA-NXS MXLTXS AN, crowned bust of Justinian facing, wearing loros, holding cross potent on three steps and patriarchal cross on globe inscribed P[AX]. (DOC 1; MIB 1; SB 1413). Highly lustrous fields, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

734 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Solidus, 4.18g, Constantinople. d N IhS ChS REX RGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D N IXSTINIAN-XS ET TibERIXS PP A, crowned half-length figures of Justinian II, on left, and Tiberius, smaller, on right, facing, each wearing divitision and chlamys, holding between them cross potent on two steps (DOC 2a; MIB 2a; SB 1414). Lustrous and sharply struck, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

735 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Solidus, 4.45g, Constantinople. d N IhS ChS REX RGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D N IXSTINIAN-[XS ET TibE]RIXS PP A, crowned half-length figures of Justinian II, on left, and Tiberius, on right, facing, each wearing divitision and chlamys, holding between them cross potent on two steps (DOC 2b; MIB 2b; SB 1415). Mirror-like lustre, superb extremely fine. $ 2,000

736 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Semissis, 2.19g, Constantinople, 705. [d N IhS CRS REX REGNANTIXM], bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels; cross behind head. Rev. [D IXS]TINI-ANXS MXLTX[S AN'], crowned bust of Justinian facing, wearing loros, holding cross potent on globe and patriarchal cross on globe inscribed PAX (DOC 3; MIB 3; SB 1416). Flan flaw and striking weakness, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

737 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Tremissis, 1.34g, Constantinople, 705. [d N IhS CRS] RE RGNANTIXM, bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. [D IXSTINI]A-NXS MXLT[XS AN'], crowned bust of Justinian facing, wearing loros, holding cross potent on base and patriarchal cross on globe inscribed P[AX] (DOC 5; MIB 5; SB 1419). About extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 500

738 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Gold Tremissis, 1.35g, Constantinople. [d N] IhS ChS REX RGNANT[IXM], bust of Christ facing, raising hand in benediction and holding Gospels, cross behind head. Rev. D N [IXSTINIAN-XS ET TibE]RIXS PP A', crowned half-length figures of Justinian II, on left, and Tiberius, on right, facing, each wearing divitision and chlamys, holding between them cross potent on base without steps (DOC 6b; MIB 6b; SB 1421). Small graffito in obverse field, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

739 Justinian II (second reign, AD 705-711). Silver ⅛-Siliqua, 0.25g, Rome, under Pope Constantine, 708-711. Crowned bust of Justinian II facing, wearing loros. Rev. Star and cruciform KT monogram of Pope Constantine (DOC 44 (Constantine V); O'Hara type 15, no. 31; Muntoni -; Berman -; MIB -; SB 1444B). Toned, about very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,500

740 Philippicus (Bardanes) (AD 711-713). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Constantinople. D N FILEPICXS MXL-TXS AN, crowned bust of Philipicus facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and eagle-tiped sceptre surmounted by cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 1; MIB 1; SB 1447). Scrapes and light field marks, very fine. *Rare.* $ 700

741 Philippicus (Bardanes) (AD 711-713). Gold Tremissis, 1.36g, Constantinople. [D N FILEPICXS MX]L-TXS AN, crowned bust of Philipicus facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and eagle-tiped sceptre surmounted by cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent, CONOB. (DOC 6; MIB 6; SB 1452). Flan a little wavy, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 700

742 Philippicus (Bardanes) (AD 711-713). Gold Solidus, 3.68g, Syracuse. d N FILEPI-CXS MG, crowned bust of Philipicus facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and eagle-tiped sceptre surmounted by cross. Rev. VICTORIA AVçX, cross potent set on three steps, P to right, CONOB. (cf DOC 16 (star at end of rev. legend); cf MIB 10 (same); SB 1458). A few very light surface marks, toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 5,000

743 Philippicus (Bardanes) (AD 711-713). Gold Semissis, 1.63g, Syracuse. d D N FLI-PICO P[P AV], diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Philippicus right. Rev. VICTORIA AV[G]X, cross potent set on globe, star following legend (DOC 17; MIB 11; SB 1459). Toned, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

744 Philippicus (Bardanes) (AD 711-713). Gold Tremissis, 1.12g, Syracuse. d O FILI-PICO PP A, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Philipiccus right. Rev. VICTORI[A] AVGX, cross potent, star at end of legend, CONOB. (DOC 18; MIB 15; SB 1460). Crude as issued, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,000

745 Anastasius II Artemius (AD 713-715). Gold Semissis, 2.08g, Constantinople. D N ANASTASI-XS MXLTXS AN, crowned and draped bust facing, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTORIA AVGXS, cross potent on globe (DOC -; MIB 4; SB 1464A (unique)). A few light scrapes on the obverse, flan a little wavy, very fine. *Extremely rare, possibly the second known example.* $ 1,000

Sear notes that this type is unique, with one example being cited in MIB.

746 Anastasius II Artemius (AD 713-715). Gold Tremissis, 1.20g, contemporary imitation(?). Ravenna(?). Uncertain legend, crowned and draped bust of Anastasius II facing, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. OIΓVSIAOBIOVIO, cross potent on base (DOC -; cf MIB 24-5; cf SB 1484-5). Very fine. $ 500

This unusual coin appears to be a contemporary imitation of a Tremissis of Anastasius II. The reverse legend is gibberish, and if we could read the obverse it would probably be no different. There is some similarity to the very rare Ravenna mint Tremisses of Anastasius, and the gold is slightly debased, so it is likely that it is the product of an Italian mint.

747 Theodosius III of Adramytium (AD 715-717). Gold Solidus, 4.14g, Rome, 716/7. [D] N ThIO-OSII M AV, crowned bust of Theodosius III facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTORI[A A]X², cross potent on three steps, ϛA monogram following legend, star in right field, CONOB. (cf DOC 11 (I in left field on rev., no monogram); cf MIB 8 (same); cf SB 1498 (same)). Slight die-shift and some striking weakness, very fine. *Extremely rare and seemingly unpublished.* $ 3,000

748 Theodosius III of Adramytium (AD 715-717). Gold Tremissis, 1.35g, Rome. D N ThE-DOSIO AG, crowned bust of Theodosius III facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTOR[IA AVG] A, cross potent, star in right field, CONOB. (DOC 13; MIB 10; SB 1500). Toned, choice very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 3,000

Grierson, DOC p.190, notes the rather careful design of this coin as compared to the other known issues of Theodosius III from Rome. Because of this, he suggests that it may have actually been struck at Ravenna, although he mentions that so far there have been no other coins of that mint for Theodosius III.

749 Theodosius III of Adramytium (AD 715-717). Silver Hexagram(?), 3.18g, Constantinople. d N τhEodO-[SIXS MXL A], crowned bust of Theodosius III facing, wearing loros, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTORIA AVG[X], cross potent on three steps, Z//CONOB. (DOC 2, note; MIB 12; Yannopoulos -; SB 1491). Struck from Solidus dies, light graffito in reverse field, beautifully toned, extremely fine. *Of the greatest rarity.* $ 5,000

Grierson mentions an example of this type, in silver, recorded by Tolstoi for officina(?). There are known specimens from two additional officinae, A and Z, recorded by Sear. All are apparently struck from solidus dies. It is not known why they were struck in silver, nor what denomination they are supposed to be (Sear calls the coin a hexagram(?), but it seems merely for convenience). Regardless of which denomination it is meant to be, it must have served some sort of ceremonial purpose, and only a handful of specimens are known.

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750 Leo III, the Isaurian (AD 717-741). Gold Solidus, 4.42g, Constantinople. d N O LEO-N PA MXL' crowned and draped bust of Leo III facing, holding globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTORIA AVGX, cross potent set on three steps, S//CONOB. (cf DOC 1 (officina not recorded); MIB 1; SB 1502). A couple of light scratches, about extremely fine. $ 500

751 Leo VI, the Wise (AD 886-912). Æ Follis, 6.62g, Constantinople. + LEoh-S ALEΞAhGROS, crowned figures of Leo VI, on left, and Alexander, on right, holding akakia, enthroned facing, each wearing loros, holding between them labarum. Rev. + LEoh/S ALEΞAh/GROS bASIL'/ ROMEoh in four lines (DOC 6; SB 1730). Green patina with light sandy highlights, choice very fine. $ 250

752 Arab-Byzantine. Anonymous issues. Gold Tremissis, 1.48g, c.85-95h / AD 704-713, uncertain mint in North Africa. Blundered Latin legend around and continuing across field, the central legend reads OMNIE (E retrograde). Rev. Globus on bar set on two steps with blundered Latin legend around (cf SICA I 740; Album 117). Small scratch in obverse field, choice very fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

These very rare gold Arab-Byzantine issues are quite unusual in that they have blundered Latin legends, usually containing at least part of the word for either Africa or Spain (AFR or HISPAN), and a modified cross-on-steps reverse type typical of Byzantine Solidi of the period. By weight they conform to either half or one-third dinars (Semisses and Tremisses), with the number of steps beneath the globus on bar indicating the denomination. This particular coin is most interesting in that it shares its obverse die with a Semissis (for example, see Hess-Divo 309, 254).

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753 Macedonian Kingdom. Alexander III 'the Great' (336-323 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.19g, Babylon, lifetime issue, c. 324/3 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion's skin headdress. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus seated left, holding eagle and sceptre, below throne, monogram above strut, M below, kerykeion in exergue (just visible) (Price 3629). Beautifully toned and perfectly centred head of Herakles, struck in very high relief, extremely fine. $ 800

754 Julius Caesar (49-48 BC). Silver Denarius, 3.95g, Military mint travelling with Caesar. CAESAR in exergue, elephant advancing right, trampling horned serpent. Rev. Pontifical implements: simpulum, sprinkler, axe and priest's hat (Crawford 443/1; HCRI 9; Sydenham 1006; RSC 49). Nice old cabinet toning, reverse struck off centre, graffiti, extremely fine. $ 600

Perhaps the most ubiquitous of Caesar's Denarii, this famous issue was struck at the time of his crossing of the Rubicon and the beginning of the long period of civil wars which resulted in the downfall of the Roman Republic. A few theories have been presented explaining the obverse type, the most established being that the elephant represents good, the serpent evil, thus a message of the righteousness of Caesar's cause. The reverse shows the symbols of Rome's high priest, the Pontifex Maximus, Caesar having been elected to the office in 63 BC.

755 Julius Caesar (49-48 BC). Silver Denarius, 4.02g, 48 BC, Military mint travelling with Caesar. Diademed and wreathed head of Pietas or Clementia(?) right, behind, [LII]. Rev. CAE-SA[R], trophy of Gallic arms; to right, axe surmounted by an animal's head (Crawford 452/2; HCRI 11; Sydenham 1009; RSC 18). Lovely toning, extremely fine. $ 500

756 Alchon Huns. Adomano (mid to late 5th Century). Base Gold Dinar, 6.95g, uncertain Baktrian mint. King standing left, wearing crown with ribbons surmounted by crescent with rosette and ribbons, sacrificing at altar and holding trident, trident standard to left, tamgha to right. Rev. Ardoxsho enthroned facing, but not clear (Vondrovec type 85A; Göbl 85/6 (Khingila); Alram 30 (Khingila)). Pleasantly toned with clear types, very fine. $ 500

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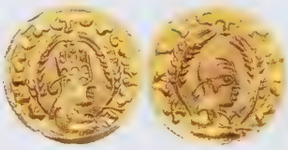
757 Gauda. Sasanka Deva (c. 600-635). Base Gold Dinar, 9.17g. Siva seated facing on recumbent bull left. Rev. Lakshmi seated facing on lotus, being watered by small elephants at either side (LOW 36-7; cf Rhodes & Bose fig. 12; MACW 4926). Edge split, choice very fine. $ 500

758 Bengal. Samatata. Anonymous (c. early to mid 7th Century). Gold Dinar, 5.63g. King standing left holding arrow and bow, standard with conch shell to left. Rev. Lakshmi standing right, illegible inscription in right field (cf Rhodes & Bose, fig.3). Very fine. $ 400

759 West Bengal. Anonymous (c. late 7th Century). Base Gold Dinar, 5.48g. King standing left holding arrow and bow, standard with eagle(?) shell to left. Rev. Lakshmi standing right (MACW 4925). Nicely toned, very fine. $ 250



760 Aksumite Kingdom. Ousana(s) (II) (c. AD 330-540). Gold Unit, 1.59g. + OYCANA B-AΓIΛEΛC, crowned half-length bust of Ousanas right, holding fly-whisk, flanked by two stalks of grain. Rev. + BEDV XAΓIC, half-length bust of Ousanas right, wearing headcloth, holding fly-whisk, flanked by two stalks of grain (Munro-Hay 89; BMC Aksum 405). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 1,000

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761 Aksumite Kingdom. Gersem (c. AD 540-640). Silver Unit, 1.29g. Crowned half-length bust of Gersem right. Rev. Half-length bust of Gersem right, wearing headcloth (Munro-Hay 147; BMC Aksum 555-9). Nicely toned, choice very fine. $ 500

762 Aksumite Kingdom. Ioel (c. AD 540-640). Silver Unit, 0.67g. Crowned half-length bust of Ioel right. Rev. Half-length bust of Ioel right, wearing headcloth, holding hand-cross (Munro-Hay 130; BMC Aksum 450-1). Surfaces slightly grainy, attractively toned, about extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 500

763 Aksumite Kingdom. Ella Gabaz (c. AD 540-640). Silver Unit, 0.85g. Crowned bust of Ella Gabaz facing, monogram in left field, crown inlaid with gold. Rev. Arch supported by columns with bases and capitals, containing a square-armed voided cross inlaid with gold (Munro-Hay 126; BMC Aksum 440-5). Small crack in edge, otherwise remarkably well-preserved, choice very fine. $ 300

764 Aksumite. Silver and Bronze Coins (5). A nice group of five different types, all with clear designs making them easily identifiable, two with small gold inlays. The one silver coin chipped along the edges, but the bronzes are all quite nice, mostly very fine. (5) $ 500

765 Merovingians. Paris. Gold Tremissis, 1.14g, c.584-639, Paris, moneyer Eligius. + [...]DOVEVS, diademed and draped bust of Clothaire II or Dagobert right. Rev. + ELIGIV MONETA, cross below Omega (cf Belfort 3340; MEC -). Toned, choice very fine. $ 3,000

The moneyer, Eligius, is most certainly the same Eligius who was active during the reigns of Clothaire II and Dogobert. As a youth, he apprenticed as a goldsmith under Abbo, the head of the royal mint at Limoges, and subsequently became the royal moneyer in charge of the mint at Marseille. King Dagobert commissioned Eligius to do the magnificent gold work for the tombs of St Denis and also St Martin of Tours. In 641 he was appointed Bishop of Noyon, where he remained until his death on December 1, 660. Posthumously, the Church beatified him, making him the patron saint of Noyon, Limoges and Flanders, as well as of goldsmiths, other metalworkers, and coin collectors.

766 Merovingians. Paris. Silver Denarius, 0.31g, c.610-640. PARIS-IV[SO], bust right. Rev. Cross ancrée with ends of cross-arms turned down and pellet in each quarter, border broken by small cross and three pelleted anuulets (Belfort 3426; MEC 598). Toned, choice very fine. $ 700

767 Merovingians. Quentovic. Gold Tremissis, 1.28g, c.620-640, moneyer Dutta. + VVICCO FIT, diademed and draped bust right. Rev. DVTTA mONET, cross set on three steps (Belfort 4959; cf MEC 473). Toned, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

768 Merovingians. Banassac. Gold Tremissis, 1.23g, c.620-640. + BAH, diademed and draped bust right. Rev. GAVLETANO FIIT, chalice (Belfort 720; cf MEC 429). Nicely toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

769 Merovingians. Silver Deniers (3), uncertain cities and moneyers. All with head right or left on the obverse, and either a monogram or a cross on the reverse, some traces of the legends surrounding the types remain, which should make attribution a little less challenging. A very interesting study lot worthy of closer inspection, mostly very fine. (3) $ 500

770 Carolingians. Charlemagne (AD 768-814). Silver Denier, 1.26g, class 2, Dorestad, 771-793/4. C(AR)o/LVS in two lines. Rev. ΩOΩ/STΠT in two lines, axe below (Depeyrot 410; Morrison & Grunthal 699; MEC 724). Very attractively toned, a lovely boldly struck specimen, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,000

771 Carolingians. Louis I, the Pious (AD 814-840). Silver Denier, 1.70g, class 2, Palatina, 819-822. + HLVDOVVICVS IMP, cross pattée. Rev. PALA/TINA MO/NETA in three lines (Depeyrot 743; Morrison & Grunthal 320; MEC 780). Light iridescent toning, about extremely fine. $ 1,500

772 Carolingians. Eudes (King of West Francia, AD 887-898). Silver Denier, 1.59g, Limoges. + GRATIA D-I RE, cross pattée above and below ODO. Rev. + LIMOVICAS CIVIS, cross pattée (Depeyrot 511; Morrison & Grunthal 1332; MEC 973 corr. (rev. legend); Roberts 1696). Nice old toning, extremely fine. $ 300

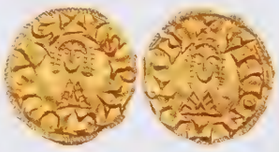
773 Suevi. Pseudo-Imperial issue. Gold Solidus, 3.86g, 568-774. Imitating a Ravenna mint Solidus of Heraclius, with Heraclius Constantine. Pseudo-legend composed of lines, crowned and draped busts of Heraclius, on left, and Heraclius Constantine, on right, facing, cross above. Rev. VICTOPIΔ AVIVIO, cross potent set on three steps, ONOB (cf DOC 271 for prototype). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 700

774 Lombards. Aripert II (AD 700-712). Gold Tremissis, 1.33g, Lombardy or Tuscany. D N AR-IPERT (RX), diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Aripert II right, G before. Rev. SCS MI-HΛHIL, St Michael standing left, holding long cross and round shield (cf Arslan 46; cf Bernareggi 51; MEC 1, 321). Delicately toned, superb extremely fine. $ 2,500

775 Lombards. Romoald II (AD 706-731). Gold Solidus, 3.68g, Beneventum, in the name of Justinian II. D ? IUS-tINIVNV P (retrograde S), crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA VVGVST (retrograde S), cross potent on three steps, R to left, CONOB (Oddy 397 (same obv. die); MEC 1087). Toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

776 Lombards. Romoald II (AD 706-731). Gold Tremissis, 1.32g, Beneventum, in the name of Justinian II. B N IX-TNIVNXS A (S retrograde), crowned and draped bust of Justinian II facing, holding globus cruciger. Rev. VICTO-Λ IVY, cross potent on base, R to left, CONOB (Oddy 385; MEC 1088). Slightly wavy, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

777 Ostrogoths. Athalaric, or his immediate successors (c. AD 530-539). Gold Solidus, 4.40g, Ravenna, in the name of Justinian I. D N IVSTINI-ANVS P Γ (AV)G, diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Justinian I facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield with horseman motif on arm. Rev. VICTOR-I-A AVGGG²A, Victory standing left, holding long voided cross, star to left, COMOB (COI 36b.1; MEC 122). Toned, about extremely fine. $ 1,000



778 Visigoths. Chintila (AD 636-639). Gold Tremissis, 1.24g, Ispalis. + CHI o NTIL o Λ RE, mantled bust of Chintila facing; star to right. Rev. + ISPAL * I PI o VS, mantled bust of Chintila facing (CNV 370-.6; cf Miles 291). Nicely toned, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

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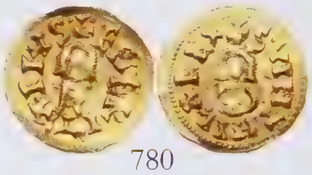

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779 Visigoths. Sisebut (AD 612-621). Gold Tremissis, 1.46g, Ispalis. + SISEBVTVS RE, mantled bust of Sisebut facing. Rev. +. ISPALI PIVS ., mantled bust of Sisebut facing (CNV 219.8; Miles 187c). Extremely fine. $ 500

780 Visigoths. Suinthila (AD 621-631). Gold Tremissis, 1.42g, Emerita. + SVINTHILA REX, mantled bust of Suinthila facing. Rev. + EMERITA PIVS, mantled bust of Suinthila facing (CNV 327.1; Miles 235a). Lustrous, very fine. $ 400

781 Visigoths. Egica (AD 687-702). Gold Tremissis, 1.48g, Toleto. + IND. INM. ECICA (R+), mantled bust of Egica right. Rev. + TOLETO PIVS, cross pattée set on three steps, two pellets below (cf CNV 526; cf Miles 435*). Very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

782 Britain. Trinovantes and Catuvellauni. Epaticcus (c. AD 35-43). Silver Unit, 1.27g. TAS-CIO-V, Victory seated right, holding wreath. Rev. EPAT, boar charging right; tree branch above (Van Arsdell 581-1; SCBC 357). Attractive toning with golden-green and purplish hues, very well struck for the type, extremely fine. $ 300

783 Anglo-Saxon. Primary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.18g, c.695/700-710, series BID. Diademed head right. Rev. Bird seated right on cross, annulets at ends of cross-arms, pellets in quarters (Metcalf 112; SCBC 777). Bluish toning, very fine. $ 300

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784 Anglo-Saxon. Primary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.14g, c.695/700-710, series C2, Kent. Radiate bust right, Runic ÆPA before. Rev. Standard with TOTII legend, alternating crosses and Ts at sides and angles (Metcalf 121-5; SCBC 779). Toned, extremely fine. $ 300

785 Anglo-Saxon. Primary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.08g, c.695/700-710, series F, type 24d, uncertain mint. Helmeted bust right, blundered legend around. Rev. Small cross pattée with two annulets in upper quarters, blundered legend around (cf Metcalf 136; SCBC 781). Toned, extremely fine. $ 300

786 Anglo-Saxon. Secondary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.19g, c.710-720/5, series G, type 3a, Northumbrian mint, probably York. Diademed and draped bust right, cross before. Rev. Standard with central pellet-in-annulet, saltires in corners and pellets between saltires, crosses and pellets in margin (Metcalf 267-8; SCBC 808). Nicely toned, superb extremely fine. $ 1,000

787 Anglo-Saxon. Secondary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.16g, c.710-720/5, type 30b, East Midlands mint. 'Wodan head' with long beard facing. Rev. Two figures standing facing, holding between them long cross set on triangular base (Metcalf 430; SCBC 844). Toned, choice very fine. $ 500

788 Anglo-Saxon. Secondary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 0.91g, c.710-720/5, uncertain series. Debased radiate bust right. Rev. Cross with pellets in angles, various symbols around (cf SCBC 779/840 (obv./rev.)). Lovely toning, extremely fine. $ 300

789 Anglo-Saxon. Secondary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 0.88g, c.710-720/5, series J, type 37. Two diademed heads confronted, long cross with trident end between. Rev. Cross with bird right at each end (Metcalf 296-9; SCBC 792). Toned, very fine. $ 300

790 Anglo-Saxon. Continental Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 1.08g, c.710-730/50, series D, Frisian mint, possibly Dorestad. 'Porcupine' right. Rev. Standard with TOTII legend, various symbols around (SCBC 786). Toned, extremely fine. $ 250

791 Anglo-Saxon. Secondary Sceattas. Silver Sceat, 0.78g, c.710-720/5, series O, type 40. Standing figure holding two crosses. Rev. Dragon left, head turned to look back (Metcalf 379-81; SCBC 811). Nicely toned, about very fine. $ 250

792 Islamic. Umayyad. 'Abd al-Malik (65-86h; AD 685-705). Gold Dinar, 4.26g, 79h Damishq (Album 125). About extremely fine. $ 500

MISCELLANEOUS

793 Roman. Macrinus. Small Æ, Ephesus; Severus Alexander. Silver Denarius; Julian II. Æ Maiorina, Lugdunum. Second beautifully toned and choice, generally very fine to extremely fine. (3) $ 300

794 Mixed lot of Byzantine, Medieval and Indian coins. Comprising, Gold Semis of Maurice Tiberius. Fourrée Solidus of Constans II of 'Germanic' style. Silver Hexagram of Constans II. Provincial mint Æ ½-Follis of Leo VI. Imitative Byzantine Bronze Coin. Two Vandalic(?) Æ Nummi. Silver Bracteate of Bela III of Hungary. Uncertain Indian Æ. Generally about very fine to extremely fine, an interesting group with some scarce and better issues. (9) $ 500

795 Byzantine. Bronze Coins from Alexandria (3). Khusrow II, 12-Nummi (2), SB 855 and SB 856, and one uncertain issue. Generally fine to very fine. (3) $ 250

796 Arab-Byzantine. Miscellaneous Bronze Coins (17). A variety of types and mints. Generally fine to choice very fine. *Some quite scarce.* (17) $ 300

ANCIENT COINS

Other Properties

ANCIENT GREEK

An Attractive Metapontum Gold Third Stater

797 Lucania, Metapontum (c.330-320 BC). Gold ⅓-Stater, 2.79g, 1h. ΛΕΥΚΙΠΠΟΣ, bearded head of Leukippos facing right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet, the bowl adorned with Skylla hurling a stone. Rev. M – E, two barley-ears, each with a leaf outwards, ΣΙ between them (Antikenmuseum Basel 153 (these dies); Gulbenkian 72 (these dies); SNG ANS 396 (these dies); SNG Lockett 404 (these dies); Johnston G 5.1 (these dies)). A very attractive example with beautiful light red toning, extremely fine. $ 7,500

ex Numismatica Ars Classica 23, Zürich, 19 March 2002, lot 1043

A Beautiful Poseidonia Drachm

798 Lucania, Poseidonia (c.530-500 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.63g, 12h. ΠΟΣ, Poseidon striding right, naked but for a chlamys draped across his shoulders, preparing to hurl a trident from his raised left arm. Rev. similar type, incuse, to left (SNG ANS 620 (these dies); Antikenmuseum Basel 160; SNG Lloyd 434; HN Italy 1108). An excellent example, well-struck on very good metal, good very fine to nearly extremely fine. $ 6,000

ex Spink, Zürich 13, 1984, lot 573
ex The New York Sale XXXII, Baldwin / Markov / M&M, 2014, lot 79

799 Sicily, Leontinoi (c.430-425 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.64g, 7h. Laureate head of Apollo facing left. Rev. LEONTINON, lion's head, with jaws open and tongue protruding, facing left, a bay-leaf behind, three barley-corns around (Rizzo pl. XXIV, 4 (these dies); SNG ANS 257 (these dies); Boehringer, 'Zur Münzgeschichte von Leontinoi in Klassischen Zeit', in Studies to Price, 55 (these dies)). Extremely fine. $ 5,500

Exceptional Style

800 Sicily, Syracuse, Timoleon and the Third Democracy (344-317 BC). Gold 30 Litrai, 2.21g, 9h. Struck 344-337 BC. [ΙΕΥΣ] ΕΛΕΥ[ΘΕΡΙΟΣ], laureate head of Zeus Eleutherios facing left. Rev. ΣΥΡ-Α-ΚΟΣΙ[ΩΝ], Pegasos flying left, three pellets below, AP monogram on left (SNG ANS 493 (this reverse die); S. Garaffo, 'Zeus Eleutherios – Zeus Olimpius', in Annali dell'Instituto Italiano di Numismatica 23-24, 1977, pl. 1, 8 (this reverse die)). Of exceptional style, the work of a talented die-engraver, extremely fine and most attractive. $ 5,500

ex Numismatica Ars Classica 23, Zürich, 19 March 2002, lot 1136

A Beautiful Syracuse Stater

801 Sicily, Syracuse, Timoleon and the Third Democracy (344-317 BC). Silver Stater, 8.65g, 3h. Struck 344-335 BC. Pegasos flying left. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚΟΣΙΩΝ, head of Athena facing right, wearing a Corinthian helmet (ANG ANS 496-507; Calciati 2). A beautiful example, well-centred on a broad flan and of particularly fine style, attractive cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 4,500

purchased from Tradart, 1997

802 Sicily, Syracuse, Hiketas II (287-278 BC). AE 24mm, 11.47g, 5h. Struck c. 283-279 BC. ΔΙΟΣ ΕΛΛΑΝΙΟΣ, laureate youthful head of Zeus Hellanios facing right, a palladion behind. Rev. ΣΥΡΑΚ-ΟΣΩΙΝ, eagle standing left on a thunderbolt, a star on left (CNS 168; SNG ANS 803 var). Beautiful dark green patina, extremely fine. $ 900

An Extremely Rare Tetradrachm of Pantikapaion

803 Black Sea Region, Cimmerian Bosporos, Pantikapaion (c.355-340 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.75g, 11h. Laureate head of Apollo facing left. Rev. Horse standing left, grazing on flowers sprouting up from an exergual line, ΠΑΝΤΙ below (MacDonald 49 (this coin); Anokhin 117; Zograph 15; SNG BM -; SNG Stancomb -; SNG Copenhagen -). Some minor pitting, otherwise good extremely fine and beautifully toned. *Extremely rare and missing from most major collections.* $ 16,500

ex Giessener Münzhandlung, Dieter Gorny GmbH, Jubilaumsauktion 100/II, 20 November 1999, lot 1014

In the past eight years, two similar examples of this type have come to market, each selling for in excess of $16,000 hammer price, including the Alex Shubs specimen in CNG 84 (2010). This piece, in addition to being the MacDonald plate coin, is a full grade higher than these others and very likely the finest example in private hands.

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804 Black Sea Region, Moesia, Istros (c.400-350 BC). Silver Drachm, 5.46g. Two young male heads facing side-by-side, the left one inverted. Rev. ΙΣΤΡΙΗ (only partially visible), sea-eagle standing to right on a dolphin, attacking it with its beak, monogram below (SNG BM Black Sea 251 var). About very fine. $ 150

805 Black Sea Region, Moesia, Istros (c.400-350 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.89g. Two young male heads facing side-by-side, the left one inverted. Rev. ΙΣΤΡΙΗ, sea-eagle standing to right on a dolphin, attacking it with its beak, monogram below (SNG BM Black Sea 251 var). Very fine. $ 180

806 Black Sea Region, Moesia, Istros (c.400-350 BC). Silver ¼-Drachm, 1.10g. Two young male heads facing side-by-side, the left one inverted. Rev. ΙΣΤΡΙΗ, sea-eagle standing to left on a dolphin, attacking it with its beak, I above; another Silver ¼-Drachm, 1.01g, similar, but with Θ on reverse below wing (SNG BM Black Sea 258 var; SNG Stancomb 143 var). Both nearly very fine, toned. *Rare.* (2) $ 120

807 Scythian Dynasts, Koson (mid 1st Century BC). Gold Stater, 8.36g, 12h. Imitating types of M. Junius Brutus. ΚΟΣΩΝ in exergue, togate Roman consul walking left between two togate lictors each carrying a fasces over their shoulder, monogram in field left. Rev. Eagle standing left on sceptre holding wreath in one raised foot (RPC 1071a, pl. 81; BMC Thrace p. 208, 1). Well centred, in NGC ANCIENTS holder (Strike: 5/5, Surface: 5/5), extremely fine. $ 1,200

Ainos Tetradrachm from the Lockett Collection

808 Thrace, Ainos (c.398/7-396/5 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.86g, 12h. Head of Hermes facing, inclined slightly to left, wearing a petasos. Rev. AINION, goat standing right, a vine with two grape-clusters on right; all within an incuse square (May 348 (A.215/P.234) (this coin); SNG Lockett 1168 (this coin); Strack, AMNG, 326). Of superb Classical style, a wonderful example of the die engraver's art, beautiful old cabinet tone, good very fine and with an excellent pedigree. $ 10,000

ex R C Lockett Collection, Glendining's, 12 February 1958, lot 1084 (listed as ex Dr Greenwell and Alberto Sangorski Collections)

This coin published in 'Ainos, Its History and Coinage', J.M.F. May (1950), p.216, 348, illustrated on pl. V.

809 Thracian Islands, Thasos (c.463-449 BC). Silver Stater, 8.77g. Naked ithyphallic satyr in a kneeling-running position to right, carrying off in his arms a nymph, who wears robes and raises her right hand in protest. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square of mill-sail pattern (Le Rider, Thasiennes, 5; SNG Copenhagen 1010-11). Well-struck and of excellent style, a few deposits on reverse, good very fine to nearly extremely fine. $ 5,500

purchased from Spink & Son Ltd, London, 2001

Exceptional Hellenistic Style

810 Thracian Islands, Thasos (c.160-100 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.02g, 12h. Head of young Dionysos facing right, diademed and wreathed with ivy and berries. Rev. ΗΡΑΚΛΕΟΥΣ / ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ / ΘΑΣΙΩΝ, Youthful Herakles, naked, standing facing, his head turned left, holding a club and lion's skin, ΔΙ monogram on left (SNG Copenhagen 1038; Le Rider 51). Of exceptionally beautiful Hellenistic style, the work of a talented engraver, well-struck and attractively toned, good extremely fine, a superb example. $ 3,500

purchased from Tradart, 2003

811 Macedonia, Mende (c.450-440 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.75g, 11h. Dionysos, in a drunken state, holding a kantharos in his right hand, reclining to left on an ass walking to right on an exergual line, a crow perched in a bush on right, an ant below the ass. Rev. MEN-Δ-AI-ON, grape-vine with five grape-clusters, all within an incuse square (Noe, 'The Mende (Kaliandra) Hoard', ANS NNM 27, 1926, 76; SNG ANS 341 var). Attractively toned, good very fine *A rare variety.* $ 9,000

ex Leu Numismatik 91, Zürich, 10 May 2004, lot 105

812 Macedon, Olynthos, Chalkidian League (c.427-421 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.05g, 6h. Struck c.383-379 BC. Head of Apollo facing left, wearing laurel-wreath. Rev. X-A-ΛKIΔ-EΩN, kithara (Robinson & Clement, Excavations at Olynthos, IX, 19 (A17/P17); SNG ANS 473). Of bold and attractive style, toned, a few light marks otherwise nearly extremely fine, a very good example of this obverse without die-rust. $ 7,000

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, September 2009, vol CXVII, no.4, item GK2774 (illustrated on the front cover)

Lifetime Philip II Tetradrachm

813 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.51g, 1h. Mint of Pella, lifetime issue, struck c. 342-336 BC. Bearded head of Zeus facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding a palm and the reins, a thunderbolt below, N in exergue (Le Rider 327 (D178/R263); SNG ANS 400 (this obverse die)). Of fine style and an excellent example of a lifetime issue of Philip II, struck in high relief, extremely fine. $ 8,500

purchased from Tradart

814 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC). Gold Stater, 8.59g, 1h. Mint of Pella, struck c. 340-328 BC. Laureate head of Apollo facing right. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ (in exergue), charioteer driving a galloping biga right, holding the reins and a kentron, a trident below the horses (Le Rider pl. 63, 341 (D152/R260); SNG ANS 154). Residual lustre beneath light tone, extremely fine. $ 2,500

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815 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.34g, 8h. Mint of Amphipolis, struck c. 323-316 BC. Laureate and bearded head of Zeus facing right. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding long palm branch in his right hand, the reins with his left hand, aplustre and monogram below (Le Rider, pl. 46, 18; SNG ANS 738). Well-struck and with residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 1,500

816 Kingdom of Macedon, Philip II (359-336 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.30g, 8h. Mint of Amphipolis, posthumous issue, struck c. 323-316 BC. Laureate and bearded head of Zeus facing right. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠ-ΠΟΥ, naked youth on horseback right, holding a long palm-branch and the reins, a dolphin and ΠΟ between horse's legs (Le Rider, pl. 46, 19; SNG ANS 749). Extremely fine. $ 750

817 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC). Gold Stater, 8.55g, 9h. Mint of Lampsakos, struck c. 328-323 BC. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Corinthian helmet decorated with a snake. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Nike, wearing a long chiton, standing left, holding a wreath and a stylis, two horse-foreparts conjoined on left, a monogram below (Price 1358 (these dies); Thompson, 'Alexander's Drachm Mints II: Lampsacus and Abydus, ANS NS 19 (1991), 16, 100 (these dies)). Extremely fine. $ 2,800

ex Paeonian Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

818 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.11g, 9h. Mint of Arados, struck c. 324-320 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion's skin. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, monograms on left and below throne (Price 3321; Müller 1363). Well-struck on a broad flan and of fine style, attractive red toning, about extremely fine. $ 1,500

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819 Kingdom of Macedon, Alexander III, The Great (336-323 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.23g, 3h. Mint of Amphipolis, posthumous issue, struck c. 315-294 BC. Head of young Herakles facing right, wearing a lion's skin. Rev. ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus, naked to waist, enthroned left, holding an eagle and a sceptre, Λ over a torch on left, a monogram below throne (Price 447; SNG München 308). Broad flan, slightly double-struck on reverse, good style, extremely fine. $ 550

ex W B Rudman Collection

820 Paeonia, Pelagia (c.300-280 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 12.07g, 5h. Laureate head of Apollo facing left. Rev. ΠΕΛΛ (retrograde), tripod, a crescent below the central leg, a knife on right (May, The Coinage of Damastion, 7 and pl. X, 7a (these dies)). Of very good style, extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

ex Paeonian Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

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821 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 13.06g, 7h. Youthful, laureate head facing right. Rev. ΠΑΤΡ-ΑΟΥ (P retrograde), Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing a military costume and a helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian solider holding a round shield, a kantharos in left field (Paeonian Hoard I, 184 (these dies)). Good style, broad flan, extremely fine. $ 450

ex Paeonian Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

822 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 12.48g, 11h. Youthful, laureate head facing right. Rev. ΠΑΤΡΑ-Ο-Υ, Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing a military costume and a helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian solider holding a round shield, a bucranium in left field (Paeonian Hoard I, 227 (these dies); SNG ANS 1030). Good style, broad flan, obverse almost extremely fine, reverse extremely fine. $ 320

ex Paeonian Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

823 Kingdom of Paeonia, Patraos (340-315 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 12.53g, 9h. Youthful, laureate head facing right. Rev. ΠΑΤΡΑΟ-Y, Paeonian horseman galloping right, wearing a military costume and a helmet, spearing with his right hand a fallen Macedonian solider holding a round shield, a monogram in left field (Paeonian Hoard I, 424 (these dies); SNG Oxford 3359). Good style, extremely fine. $ 350

ex Paeonian Hoard of 1968 (IGCH 410)

824 Thessaly, Larissa (c.405/0-370 BC). Silver Drachm, 6.18g, 11h. Reverse die signed by the engraver Simo-. Head of the nymph Larissa facing, slightly inclined to the right. Rev. [Λ]ΑΡΙ, horse standing right, its head lowered, ΣΙΜΟ below (BCD Thessaly II, 231 (these dies); Lorber, in Florilegium Numismaticum: Studia in Honorem U. Westermark, 1992, 43.1 (these dies)). Very fine to good very fine, of captivating style. $ 2,000

825 Thessaly, Larissa (mid to late 4th Century BC). Silver Drachm, 6.06g, 7h. Head of the nymph Larissa facing, slightly inclined to left, her hair bound with an ampyx. Rev. ΛΑΡΙΣ / ΑΙΩΝ, horse standing right, preparing to lie-down (BCD Thessaly II, 323 (this obverse die); Herrmann, pl. V, 14). Well-centred on a broad flan of excellent metal, beautiful style and with an enchanting iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 2,500

purchased Spink & Son Ltd, London

A Beautiful Early Athenian Tetradrachm

826 Attica, Athens (c.550-520 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.66g, 12h. Archaic head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet and an earring. Rev. ΑΘΕ, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig behind, all within a shallow incuse square (Seltman, Group C, 55, pl. III; cf Svoronos pl. 4, 12; Asyut 291). An attractive example of this early issue, of superb Archaic style, well-centred, dark tone, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 10,000

An Intriguing Eastern Mint Tetradrachm

827 Attica, Athens (after 449 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.43g, 3h. Near Eastern imitation. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and crescent behind, two small letters to right of owl; all within an incuse square (Svoronos -; Flament -; SNG ANS -; Gitler & Tal -; Alram -; Meshorer & Qedar -; Kroll -; SNG Copenhagen -; cf Price, 'More from Memphis and the Syria 1989 Hoard', in Essays Carson Jenkins, pl. IX, 23). An excellent example of exquisite style, with virtually all of the crest visible, attractive cabinet tone, about extremely fine. *Apparently unpublished, a most intriguing piece.* $ 9,000

ex Hirsch Auction 168, 1990, lot 231

828 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.19g, 9h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind; all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). A good example struck on a broad flan, much crest visible, extremely fine. $ 2,500

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829 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.29g, 8h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). An excellent example with much of the crest visible, toned, nearly extremely fine. $ 2,200

830 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.20g, 8h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind; all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 2,000

831 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.14g, 1h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind; all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). A few minor pits, extremely fine. $ 2,000

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832 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.13g, 4h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Extremely fine. $ 1,800

833 Attica, Athens (c.449-415 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.16g, 6h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31). Attractive style, good very fine. $ 1,000

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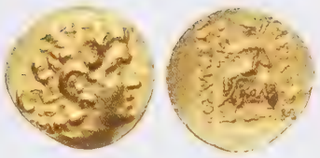
834 Attica, Athens (early 4th Century BC). Plated Tetradrachm, 13.87g, 9h. Head of Athena facing right, wearing a crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive-leaves and a palmette. Rev. AΘE, owl standing right, its head facing, an olive-sprig and a crescent behind, all within an incuse square (Kroll 15; Svoronos pl. 20, 2ff). With virtually full plating, nearly extremely fine and a good example. $ 800

835 Corinth (c.375-300 BC). Silver Stater, 8.52g, 6h. Pegasos flying left, koppa below. Rev. Head of Athena facing left, wearing a Corinthian helmet decorated with a laurel-wreath, A-P below neck, a plow behind (Calciati, Pegasi 439; Ravel 1021; BCD Corinth 107). Attractive old cabinet tone, good very fine. $ 700

836 Kingdom of Pontus, Mithradates VI "The Great" (c.120-63 BC). Gold Stater, 8.35g, 12h. Struck in the name of Lysimachos. Mint of Kallatis, struck c. 88-86 BC. Diademed head of Alexander the Great facing right, wearing horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena enthroned left, holding Nike and resting her left elboe on a shield set at her side; behind her rests a spear, HP monogram below arm, ΚΑΛ on throne, a trident in exergue (De Callataÿ p. 140 (D5-R4), p. XXXVII = SNG Copenhagen 1089; AMNG 266). Struck from dies of exceptional workmanship for these issues, sharp and of good style, lustrous, good extremely fine. $ 2,000



837 Kingdom of Pontos, Mithradates VI Eupator (c.120-63 BC). Gold Stater, 8.25g, 12h. In the name and types of Lysimachos. Mint of Kallatis, struck during the first Mithradatic War, c.88-86 BC, head of the deified Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, with horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros seated left, holding Victory and resting on a shield at her side, monogram on left, ΚΑΛ on throne, trident left in exergue (Callataÿ p.140, pl.XXXVII (D6/R1a)). About extremely fine. $ 950

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838 Kingdom of Pontos, Mithradates VI Eupator (c.120-63 BC). Gold Stater, 8.27g, 12h. In the name and types of Lysimachos. Mint of Kallatis, struck during the first Mithradatic War, c.88-86 BC, head of the deified Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, with horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros seated left, holding Victory and resting on a shield at her side, monogram on left, ΚΑΛ on throne, trident left in exergue (Callataÿ p.140, pl.XXXVII (D6/R-)). About extremely fine. $ 950

839 Kingdom of Pontos, Mithradates VI Eupator (c.120-63 BC). Gold Stater, 8.29g, 12h. In the name and types of Lysimachos. Mint of Tomis, struck during the first Mithradatic War, c.88-86 BC, head of the deified Alexander the Great facing right, diademed, with horn of Ammon. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ / ΛΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros seated left, holding Victory and resting on a shield at her side, monogram on left, ΤΟ on throne, trident left in exergue (Callataÿ p.141, pl.XXXVII (D3/R1a)). Light double-striking on the obverse, nearly extremely fine. $ 900

840 Mysia, Kyzikos (c.550-500 BC). EL Hekte, 2.60g. Facing head of Silenos, a tunny on each side (only one visible). Rev. Quadripartite incuse square (von Fritze I, 77; SNG France 208). Obverse a little off-centre, otherwise extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,200

841 Mysia, Kyzikos (525-475 BC). Silver Drachm, 4.84g, 9h. Forepart of wild boar left, line of beads with tunny vertically behind. Rev. Lion's head facing left, its mouth open, reverted "K" above, all within an incuse square (SNG BN 379). Very fine to good very fine. $ 1,500

ex Gemini VII, 2011, lot 463
ex Gorny & Mosch 199, 2011, lot 353

842 Mysia, Kyzikos (c.450-400 BC). Silver Diobol, 1.24g, 3h. Forepart of wild boar left, line of beads with tunny upright behind. Rev. Head of a roaring lion facing left (Von Fritze II, 9; SNG France 341ff). Somewhat grainy, but better surfaces then usually found, finely detailed, nearly extremely fine. $ 400

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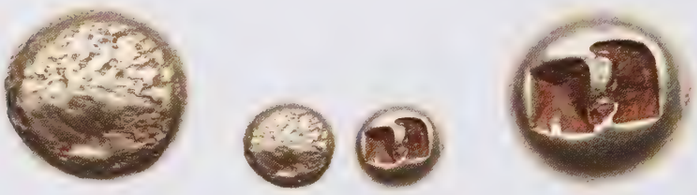
843 Mysia, Kyzikos (2nd to 1st Century BC). AE 28mm, 9.57g, 12h. Wreathed head of Kore-Soteira facing right. Rev. Tripod, palm frond above, torch below, monograms at left and right (SNG von Aulock 7355 var; SNG Cop 84 var). Lovely dark green patina with earthen dark orange-brown highlights, good very fine. $ 250

844 Mysia, Kyzikos (2nd to 1st Century BC). AE 25mm, 10.34g, 12h. Bull butting right, within a beaded circle. Rev. Flaming torch, monogram to left and right (Von Fritze III, 30 var; SNG von Aulock 1240 var; SNG Cop 81 var). Dark patina, some light smoothing in obverse field, good very fine. $ 250

A Very Rare Trite



845 Ionia (c.670 BC). Electrum Trite, 4.60g. Lightly striated surface (perhaps an earlier prototype of the clearly striated issues). Rev. two incuse punches, side-by-side (SNG Kayhan 679; Weidauer 5). One of the very first coins to bear an obverse design, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 5,500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, July 2009, vol CXVII, no.3, item GK2754

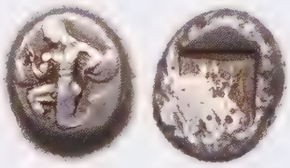
846 Ionia (c.670 BC). Electrum 1/24-Stater, 0.46g. Striated surface. Rev. incuse punch (SNG Kayhan 682; Weidauer 9 var). One of the very first coins to bear an obverse design, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,100

purchased from Spink, September 2009

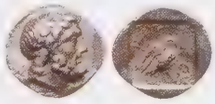
847 Ionia, Erythrai (c.550-500 BC). EL Hekte, 2.56g. Head of Herakles facing left, wearion a lion's skin. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square (SNG Kayhan 737-8; SNG von Aulock 1942; Boston 1806-7). Nearly extremely fine. $ 1,800

848 Ionia, Teos (c.478-459 BC). Silver Stater, 12.05g. T-HI-O-N, griffin seated right, a facing panther's head below its raised foreleg. Rev. Quadripartite incuse square with granular surfaces (Balcer, SNR 47, 103; BMC 19). Good very fine, attractive light toning. $ 1,500

ex ACR Auction 12, 29 October 2014, lot 321



849 Caria, Uncertain Mint (c.490-480 BC). Silver Stater, 11.83g. Naked male deity, with curved wings and winged feet, advancing left. Rev. Rough incuse square (Troxell, Winged 33 = Asyut 686 (these dies); SNG von Aulock 2343; SNG Keckman -). A little softly struck in part, toned, very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 2,250



850 Caria, Stratonikeia (c.125-85 BC). Silver Hemidrachm, 1.20g, 12h. Laureate and bearded head of Zeus facing right. Rev. ΜΕΝΓΑ[..], eagle with open wings standing right, Σ on left, all within an incuse square, 1.20g, 12h (SNG Copenhagen -; SNG von Aulock -; BMC 4-5 var). Good very fine, toned. *A rare variety.* $ 275

851 Carian Islands, Rhodes (c.31 BC – AD 60). AE 39mm, 22.85g, 1h. Magistrate Eudoros. Head of youthful Dionysos facing left, wearing ivy-wreath. Rev. ΕΠΙ ΕΥΔΩΡΟΥ – ΡΟΔΙΩΝ, Nike advancing right, on a globe with rose, holding a wreath and palm (SNG von Aulock 2845; SNG Keckman 767; RPC 2766; BMC 374). Very attractive and natural dark green patina with earthen highlights, very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

ex Lanz 154, 11 June 2012, lot 191

852 Satraps of Caria, Maussollos (377-353 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.17g, 12h. Mint of Halikarnassos, head of Apollo facing, inclined slightly to right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΜΑΥΣΣΩΛ[ΛΟ], Zeus Labraundos standing right, wearing a chiton and a himation, holding spear in his left hand and double-headed axe (labrys) over his shoulder in his right (SNG von Aulock 2359; SNG Copenhagen 590; SNG Kayhan 872). Attractive style, good very fine / very fine. $ 1,900

purchased from Spink, 2004

853 Satraps of Caria, Maussollos (377-353 BC). Silver Drachm, 3.70g, 12h. Mint of Halikarnassos, head of Apollo facing, inclined slightly to right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΜΑΥΣΣΩΛ[ΛΟ], Zeus Labraundos standing right, wearing a chiton and a himation, holding spear in his left hand and double-headed axe (labrys) over his shoulder in his right (SNG von Aulock 2363). About very fine. $ 350

ex Spink Auction, 27 September 2007, lot 86

854 Kingdom of Lydia, Time of Alyattes to Kroisos (c.610-546 BC). Electrum Trite, 4.74g. Mint of Sardes. Head of roaring lion facing right, sun with multiple rays on forehead. Rev. Two incuse square punches (Weidauer Group XVI, 89; SNG Kayhan 1013; Rosen 655; SNG von Aulock 2868-9). Slightly irregular flan, very fine. $ 1,750

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855 Lycia, Uncertain Dynast (c.480-440 BC). Silver Stater, 9.09g. Forepart of a boar facing right. Rev. Crossed lines within an incuse punch (SNG von Aulock 4054; Falghera 2). Small test-cut on reverse, nearly extremely fine, toned. $ 650

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, October 2006, vol CXIV, no.5, item GK1994

856 Pamphylia, Aspendos (c.420-380 BC). Silver Drachm, 5.58g, 2h. Horseman galloping left, brandishing a spear. Rev. ΕΣΤΓΕΔΙΙ[VΣ], boar running right (SNG France 20; SNG Delepierre 2813). Struck on an unusual elongated flan, countermarks on reverse, about extremely fine. $ 1,000

857 Cilicia, Nagidos (374-356 BC). Silver Stater, 10.72g, 4h. Aphrodite seated left holding phiale over altar and resting left arm on back of seat, Eros standing behind her crowning her with wreath. Rev. ΝΑΓΙΔΕΩ[N], Dionysos standing left holding thyrsos and vine-branch and grapes (BMC 12). Very fine. $ 400

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858 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Seleukos I (312-280 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 17.11g, 10h. Head of Seleukos I facing right, wearing a helmet ornamented with a panther-skin and ram-horns. Rev. Nike crowning a trophy right, radiate head of Helios below (Newell, ESM, 301; Houghton & Lorber, SC I, 173.16). Broad flan and very fine. *Rare.* $ 3,500

859 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos III (223-187 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.82g, 12h. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes. Struck c.208-200 BC. Diademed head facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding an arrow and a bow, a bow and quiver on left (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1044.5a; SNG Spaer 544; Newell, WSM 1100). Attractive light toning, extremely fine. $ 1,000

An Extremely Rare Tetradrachm of Antiochos IV

860 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos IV Epiphanes (175-164 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.23g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck 166 BC. Head of Apollo facing right, wearing a laurel-wreath. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, Apollo, wearing a long peplos, standing facing right, holding a patera and a kithara (Houghton & Lorber, SC 1401; Newell, SMA 64; Houghton 110; Gulbenkian 1040). Well-struck on a broad flan, of superb style and with a light iridescent tone, about extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 12,500

ex Abramowitz Family Collection, Superior, 8 December 1993, lot 304

This exceptionally beautiful coin is extremely rare, with approximately ten examples known to have survived from antiquity. It has been suggested that the figure of Apollo on the reverse might be a depiction of the cult statue of Apollo at Daphne, by the 4th Century sculptor Bryaxis.

861 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos) (121/0-97/6 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.61g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck 121/0-113 BC. Diademed head facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing left, IE above A on left, N on right; all within a laurel-wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2298.2e). Iridescent toning on reverse, extremely fine. $ 300

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862 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos) (121/0-97/6 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.49g, 1h. Mint of Ake-Ptolemais, struck 115-113 BC. Diademed head facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing left, holding a star and a sceptre, a monogram on left; all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2336.2a). Good extremely fine. $ 600

863 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos X Eusebes Philopator (c.94-88 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 15.37g, 12h. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, first reign, struck 94 BC. Diademed head facing right. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΣΕΒΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left, holding a sceptre, monogram above A on left, a monogram below throne; all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2429.1c). Light graffito in obverse field, good very fine. $ 300

ex KPM 45, 1993, lot 98
ex Hirsch 275, 22 September 2011, lot 4030

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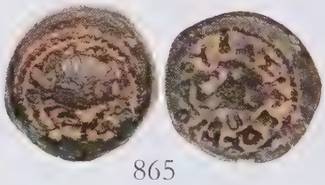

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864 Kingdom of Syria, Seleukid Kings, Antiochos X Eusebes Philopator (c.94-88 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.44g, 12h. Mint of Antioch on the Orontes, first reign, struck 94 BC. Diademed head facing right. Rev. [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΑΝΤΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΣΕΒΟΥΣ [Φ]ΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left, holding a sceptre, monogram above A on left, a monogram below throne, all within a wreath (Houghton & Lorber, SC 2429.1c). Good very fine. $ 300

865 Judaea, Herod the Great (40-4 BC). Middle 4-Prutot, 5.66g. Minted in Samaria, 40 BC. Shield with decorated rim. Rev. ΗΡΩΔΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, crested helmet, flanked by date ΛΓ (year 3) and monogram (TJC 45b; Hendin 1170; RPC 4902). Very fine. $ 200

An Attractive Year 3 Shekel

866 Judaea, The Jewish War (AD 66-70). Silver Shekel, 13.81g, 12h. Year 3 = AD 68-69. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Shekel of Israel'), ritual chalice with pearled rim, date above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Jerusalem the Holy'), staff with three pomegranates (AJC II, 18; Hendin 1361; TJC 202; SNG ANS 444). Well-struck and extremely fine, a very good example. $ 6,500

purchased A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, London

867 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135). Silver Sela, 14.28g, 12h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134/135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), façade of the Temple of Jerusalem, showbread table(?) contained within, a star above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), lulav, etrog on left (AJC 51; Mildenberg 55 (O13/R41); Hendin 1411; TJC 267). Traces of overstriking, toned, good very fine. $ 4,000

868 Judaea, Bar Kokhba Revolt (AD 132-135). Silver Sela, 15.19g, 1h. Attributed to Year 3 = AD 134-135. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), façade of the Temple of Jerusalem, showbread table(?) contained within, a star above. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the Freedom of Jerusalem'), lulav and etrog (AJC 51; Mildenberg 79 (these dies); Hendin 1411; TJC 267). Traces of overstriking, toned, extremely fine. $ 4,000

869 Judaea, Bar Kochba Revolt (AD 132-135). Middle Bronze, 7.40g, 1h. Attributed to year 3 (AD 134/5). Paleo-Hebrew legend ('For the freedom of Jerusalem'), palm branch within a wreath. Rev. Paleo-Hebrew legend ('Simon'), elongated kithara, with three strings (Mildenberg 33; TJC 297; Hendin 1436). Dark green-brown patina, very fine. $ 200

870 Kingdom of Baktria, Eukratides I (c.171-145 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 16.97g, 12h. Diademed head of King facing right, wearing a crested helmet decorated with the ear and horn of a bull. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ / ΕΥΚΡΑΤΙΔΟΥ, Dioskouroi prancing right, holding palms and spears, a monogram on right (SNG ANS 465; Bopearachchi, 6 E). Light marks in front of chin, otherwise with residual lustre and extremely fine. $ 1,250

An Extremely rare Nikias Tetradrachm

871 Indo-Greek Kingdom, Nikias (c.90-85 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 8.39g, 12h. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ / ΝΙΚΙΟΥ. Diademed, helmeted and draped bust facing right. Rev. Athena Alkidemos standing facing, a monogram on left (Bopearachchi 1A var (bust); SNG ANS 1263 var (bust); cf CNG 70, 2005, lot 479 (these dies)). Good very fine. *Extremely rare, very few examples known.* $ 7,500

Arsinoe II Gold Oktodrachm

872 Kingdom of Egypt, Arsinoe II Philadelphos (d. c.270 BC). Gold Oktodrachm (or Mnaïeion), 27.73g, 12h. Mint of Alexandria, struck under Ptolemy III, c.246-242/1 BC. Head facing right, wearing a veil and a stephane, a lotus-tipped sceptre in the background, Ξ on left. Rev. ΑΡΣΙΝΟΗΣ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ, double cornucopiae, bunches of grapes hanging at sides, bound with fillet (Svoronos 489; Troxell, Arsinoe, Group 4, p.44, pl. 8, 3 (these dies); SNG Copenhagen -). Some surface deposit, residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 15,000

873 Kingdom of Egypt, Ptolemy VI (180-145 BC). Silver Tetradrachm, 14.24g, 12h. Mint of Alexandria. Diademed head of Ptolemy I facing right, wearing an aegis. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on a thunderbolt (Svoronos 1489; SNG Copenhagen 264). Beautiful old cabinet tone, well-struck and extremely fine. $ 2,500

874 C. Numonius Vaala (41 BC). Silver Denarius, 3.74g, 12h. Mint of Rome. C NVMONIVS VAALA. Male head facing right. Rev. VAA[LA] in exergue, soldier rushing to left, attacking a rampart defended by two further soldiers (Cr 514/2; Syd 1087; RBW 1792; RCV 502). Good portrait, light banker's mark on obverse, nearly extremely fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 4,500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, October 2005, vol CXIII, no.5, item RM2635 (illustrated on the front cover)

875 Augustus (27 BC – AD 14). AE As, 12.89g, 11h. Pax Iulia, Spain. Bare head facing right. Rev. PAX – IVL, Pax seated left, holding a caduceus and a cornucopiae (RPC 52). In a good state of preservation for this issue, dark patina, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 750

ex Herrero, 13 February 2003, lot 160
ex Lanz, Auction 158, 5 June 2014, lot 405

876 Divus Augustus (d. AD 14). Æ As, 10.93g, 6h. Mint of Rome, truck under Tiberius, AD 22-30. DIVVS AVGVSTVS PATER, radiate head facing left. Rev. PROVIDENT, altar-enclosure of the Ara Providentiae Augusti, S-C in field (RIC (Tiberius) 81; BMC 146; RCV 1789). Dark brown tone, about extremely fine, a good example. $ 750

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, August 2007, vol CXV, no.4, item RM3513

877 Tiberius (AD 14-37). Silver Denarius, 3.73g, 12h. Mint of Lugdunum. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. PONTIF MAXIM, female figure seated right, holding a sceptre and a branch (RIC 26; BMC 34). Very attractive iridescent tone, extremely fine. $ 1,200

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878 Tiberius (AD 14-37). Silver Denarius, 3.63g, 9h. Mint of Lugdunum. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. PONTIF MAXIM, female figure seated right, holding a sceptre and a branch (RIC 30; BMC 48). Cabinet tone, very fine. $ 300

purchased from M&M, Basel, in 1949

879 Caligula (AD 37-41). and Divus Augustus (d. AD 14), Silver Denarius, 3.65g, 6h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck AD 37-8. C CAESAR AVG GERM P M TR POT, laureate head facing right. Rev. DIVVS AVG PATER PATRIAE, radiate head of Augustus facing right (RIC 16; BMC 17; BN 21; RSC 2). Minor marks and slight porosity, two good portraits, very fine. $ 1,800

880 Caligula (A.D. 37-41). AE Sestertius, 24.69g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 37-8. C CAESAR AVG GERMANICVS PON M TR POT, laureate head facing left. Rev. AGRIPPINA / DRVSILLA / IVLIA / S C, the three sisters of Caligula standing facing, Agrippina holds a cornucopiae and rests on a column, resting her left hand on the shoulder of Drusilla, who holds a patera and a cornucopiae, Julia holds and rudder and a cornucopiae (RIC 33; BMC 37; C 4). Slightly rough surfaces, dark green patina, good very fine. $ 3,000

ex Münzen & Medaillen GmbH, Auction 29, 2008, lot 2778

881 Antonia (daughter of Mark Antony and Octavia, mother of Claudius). AE Dupondius, 15.83g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck under Claudius, A.D. 42. ANTONIA AVGVSTA, draped bust facing right. Rev. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP, Claudius, veiled and togate, standing left, holding a simpulum, S-C in field (RIC 104; BMC 213; CBN 204; RCV 1903). A few pits, attractive Tiber tone, very fine. $ 1,000

882 Nero (AD 54-68). Gold Aureus, 7.20g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 65-8. NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. IVPPITER CVSTOS, Jupiter enthroned left, holding a thunderbolt and a sceptre (RIC 52; Calicó 412; BMC 67). Very fine / nearly very fine. $ 5,000

A Beautiful Sestertius of Nero

883 Nero (AD 54-68). Æ Sestertius, 25.85g, 6h. Mint of Lugdunum, struck c. AD 66. IMP NERO CAESAR AVG PONT MAX TR POT, laureate head facing left. Rev. ANNONA AVGVSTI CERES, Ceres, seated left, holding corn-ears and a torch, her feet on a stool, Annona stands before her, facing right, resting on her hip and holding a cornucopiae, a modius on a garlanded altar between them, ship's stern behind them (RIC 495; C 22; BMC p.260 note; RCV 1952 var). Beautiful dark green patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 6,000

884 Vitellius (AD 69). Silver Denarius, 3.29g, 7h. Mint of Rome. A VITELLIVS GERM IMP AVG TR P, laureate head facing right. Rev. XV VIR SACR FAC, a tripod-lebes surmounted by a dolphin, raven standing to right below (RIC 109; BMC 39; RCV 2201). Struck in high relief, beautiful old cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 2,000

885 Vespasian (AD 69-79). Silver Denarius, 2.97g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 69-70. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. IVDAEA (in exergue), trophy, beside which sits Judaea right, head resting on hand (RIC 2; BMC 35). Cabinet tone, about very fine. $ 350

886 Domitian (AD 81-96). Æ Quadrans, 2.74g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 84-85. IMP DOMIT AVG GERM, trophy. Rev. S-C, olive-branch (RIC 247; BMC 494; C 545; RCV 2833). Dark green brown patina, extremely fine. $ 500

887 Nerva (AD 96-98). AE Sestertius, 24.89g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 97. IMP NERVA CAES AVG PM TR P COS III P P, laureate head facing right. Rev. VEHICVLATIONE ITALIAE REMISSA (the levy for supplying the imperial transport system abolished for Italy), S C in exergue, two mules grazing, one standing left, the other right, behind them a high-wheeled cart with pole and harness tipped up behind them and leaning right, forming a radiant band (RIC 93; C. 143; Banti 44). Deep green-brown patina, some light smoothing in fields, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

Created during the time of Augustus, the imperial institution of *vehiculatio* effectively organized transport and communications between Rome and all points of its empire. Central to the system was the thousands of *mansiones* set along the imperial highways. The cost for the upkeep of these *mansiones*, which served as supply and rest stops for travellers, was garnered from levies placed on the local population. As traffic increased in Italy the levies grew oppressive, particularly to the small land-holders. To lighten the Italian burden, Nerva abolished the *munus vehicularium* and made the cost of the *vehiculatio* part of the regular treasury expenditures.

888 Trajan (AD 98-117). AE Dupondius, 14.12g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 101-2. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM P M, radiate head facing right. Rev. TR POT COS IIII P P / S C, Abundantia seated left on a chair of two cornucopiae, holding a sceptre (RIC 428; C 639). Some light erosion on neck and minor pitting, dark green patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 150

889 Trajan (AD 98-117). AE As, 11.48g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 101-2. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM P M, laureate head facing right. Rev. TR [POT] COS IIII P P, S-C, Victory flying left, holding a shield inscribed SP/PR (sic) (cf RIC 434; C 640). Some light pits, dark green-brown patina, good very fine, with an interesting error on the shield. $ 100

890 Trajan (AD 98-117). AE Sestertius, 25.98g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 103. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM DACICVS P M, laureate bust facing right, wearing an aegis. Rev. TR P VII IMP IIII COS V P P / SC, Roma seated right receiving Victory from Trajan who stands before her, captive at the emperor's feet (RIC 453; C 601). Deep olive-brown patina with dark burgundy hues, some smoothing on obverse, otherwise extremely fine with pleasing detail. *Rare.* $ 2,500

891 Trajan (AD 98-117). Æ Sestertius, 23.75g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 106. IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P, laureate bust facing right, drapery on left shoulder. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI, Abundantia standing left, holding ears of corn and a cornucopiae, modius on left, prow on right, S-C in field (RIC 492; C 469). Excellent portrait, attractive brown-green patina, about extremely fine. $ 3,500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, September 1998, vol CVI, no.7 (illustrated on the front cover)

892 Trajan (AD 98-117). Silver Denarius, 3.30g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 107. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P, laureate bust facing right, light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC, Fortuna standing left, holding a rudder and a cornucopiae, the forepart of a ship at feet to left (RIC 122; BMC 306; RCV 3125). Light iridescent tone, extremely fine. $ 350

893 Trajan (AD 98-117). Silver Denarius, 3.35g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 108. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P, laureate bust facing right, light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC, Aequitas seated left, holding scales and cornucopiae (RIC 119; BMC 288; RCV 3123). Iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 450

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, August 2007, vol CXV, no.4, item RM3519

PARTHIA CAPTA

894 Trajan (AD 98-117). Gold Aureus, 7.10g, 7h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 114-7. IMP CAES NER TRAIAN OPTIM AVG GER DAC PARTHICO, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. P M TR P COS VI P P S P Q R / PARTHIA CAPTA, trophy of arms, flanked by two seated Parthians, each with a bow and bowcase (RIC 324; Calicó 1035a; C 184). Toned, very fine. *Rare.* $ 9,500

895 Trajan (AD 98-117). Æ Proto-Medallion, 35.29g, 6h. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM P M, laureate and draped bust facing right. Rev. TR POT COS III P P, Trajan galloping on horseback right, holding a spear, S C in exergue (Gnecchi -; RIC -; BMC -; C -). Dark brown patina, a little softly-struck on the reverse, otherwise good very fine. *Extremely rare, apparently unpublished.* $ 6,000

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, June 2005, vol CXIII, no.3, item RM2507 (illustrated on the front cover)

896 Divus Trajan (d. AD 117). Silver Antoninianus, 3.81g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck under Trajan Decius, AD 250-251. DIVO TRAIANO, radiate bust facing right, drapery on left shoulder. Rev. CONSECRATIO, altar (RIC 86a; C 664; RCV 9471). Good portrait, attractively toned over lustre, extremely fine. $ 500

897 Hadrian (AD 117-138). Silver Denarius, 3.32g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 118. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG, laureate bust facing right, drapery on left shoulder. Rev. P M TR P COS II, Justitia seated left, holding a patera and a sceptre, IVSTITIA in exergue (RIC 42; C 877). A little softly-struck on reverse, nearly extremely fine. $ 200

Very Rare Hadrian Gold Aureus

898 Hadrian (AD 117-138). Gold Aureus, 7.27g, 8h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 119-22. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. P M TR P COS III, tetrastyle temple with steps, within stands Hercules facing, head turned right, holding a club and apples (?), head of Jupiter facing left on left of steps, a prow on right of steps (RIC -, cf 57 var, Calicó -, cf 1325 var; BMC -, cf 98 var; cf NAC 51, 5 March 2009, lot 274 var). Good very fine / very fine. *Apparently an unpublished variety of this very rare issue.* $ 20,000

The reverse of this rare issue is devoted to Hercules of Gades, in celebration of the Spanish heritage of Hadrian and his family.

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899 Hadrian (AD 117-138). Silver Denarius, 3.44g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 119-22. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG, laureate bust facing right, light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. P M TR P COS III, Aeternitas standing left, holding the heads of sun and moon (RIC 81; BMC 163; C 1114). Attractive cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, August 2007, vol CXV, no.4, item RM3523

900 Hadrian (AD 117-138). Silver Denarius, 3.48g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 124. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG, laureate bust facing right, light drapery on left shoulder. Rev. P M TR P COS III, Clementia standing left, sacrificing from a patera over an altar and holding a sceptre, CLEM in exergue (RIC 116; BMC 251 var; RSC 212; RCV 3463 var). Lustrous, good extremely fine. $ 500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, June 2001, vol CIX, no.3, item RM0317

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901 Hadrian (AD117-138). AE Semis, 4.47g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 125-8. HADRIANVS AVGVSTVS, laureate and draped bust facing right. Rev. COS III, S-C, female figure, towered, seated left, holding corn-ears and resting on a rock, river-god swims left at her feet (RIC 686; C 402). Some light surface erosion on obverse, dark brown patina, nearly extremely fine. *Very rare..* $ 150

902 Hadrian (AD 117-138). Silver Denarius, 3.40g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 133. HADRIANVS AVG COS III P P, bare head facing right. Rev. PROVIDENTIA AVG, Providentia standing left, pointing towards a globe at her feet on left and holding a sceptre (RIC 261; BMC 694; C 1204; RCV 3531 var). Iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 300

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, June 2006, vol CXIV, no.3, item RM3039

903 Hadrian (AD 117-138). AE Sestertius, 27.76g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 134-138. Provincial series. HADRIANVS AVG COS III P P, laureate and draped bust facing right. Rev. S-C, DACIA in exergue, Dacia seated left atop a rock, holding vexillum and a curved sword, her right foot resting on what may be a globe (RIC 849). Rich dark olive-brown patina, about extremely fine. $ 2,500

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904 Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161). AE Sestertius, 24.77g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 140-4. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR P COS III, laureate head facing right. Rev. GENIO SENATVS, Genius of the Senate standing facing, head left, holding a branch and a sceptre (RIC 605; C 400). Dark green patina, good very fine. $ 200

905 Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180). Æ Sestertius, 20.97g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 171. IMP M ANTONINVS AVG TR P XXV, laureate head facing right. Rev. VOTA SVSCEP DECENN II / COS III, S-C, Marcus Aurelius, veiled, standing left, sacrificing over a tripod and holding a scroll (RIC 1017; BMC 1402; C 1037; RCV 5020). Dark green patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 700

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, August 2007, vol CXV, no.4, item RM3525

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906 Lucius Verus (AD 161-169). AE Sestertius, 23.38g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 161. IMP CAES L AVREL VERVS AVG, draped bust facing right. Rev. CONCORD AVGVSTOR TR P / COS II, S-C, Verus and Aurelius standing facing each other, with clasped hands (RIC 1281; C 27). Smoothing in fields, dark patina, good very fine. $ 150

907 Commodus (AD 177-192). AE Sestertius, 28.93g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 184. M COMMODVS ANTONINVS AVG PIVS, laureate head facing right. Rev. TR P VIIII I-MP VI COS IIII P P, S-C, Minerva advancing right, holding a shield and brandishing a spear (RIC 410a; C.917; BMC 533). Excellent portrait, attractive deep brown patina, extremely fine. $ 2,500

ex Signorelli Collection
ex Zigmond Collection, Sotheby's, October 1981
ex Platt Hall Collection, Glendining's, London, July 19, 1950

Commodus Medallion

908 Commodus (AD 177-192). Æ Medallion, 83.22g, 12h, 42mm. Struck AD 190-191. M COMMODVS ANTONINVS PIVS FELIX AVG BRIT, laureate and bearded bust of Commodus right, wearing a paludamentum and a cuirass, border of dots. Rev. COS VI in exergue, Commodus standing right, wearing a paludamentum and a cuirass, holding a parazonium and leaning on a spear, before him, Africa reclines to left, wearing a peplum and an elephant's skin head-dress, and placing her right hand on the back of a lion and holding corn-ears, Victory standing right in the background, erecting a trophy, border of dots (Gnecchi 5, pl. 78, 5; cf BMC 29, pl. XXXIII, fig 3; Cohen 69). Smoothing in fields, somewhat more extensive on the reverse, red-brown patina, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 25,000

ex Michele Baranowsky sale, Milan, 25 February 1931, lot 2218
ex Henry Platt Hall Collection (Part II), Glendining, 17 November 1950, lot 1636
ex Baldwin's Auction 62, 29 September 2009, lot 105

It is not impossible that this medallion is the specimen illustrated in Gnecchi. However, the cataloguer finds it difficult to fully accept that the shield of the trophy is identical in appearance.

Commodus, an Emperor infamous for his megalomania, does not have a reputation as a military leader, preferring to leave provincial campaigns to his generals. He had gained the title BRITannicus in AD 184, following the successes of Ulpius Marcellus in a war in Britain against the Caledonian tribes after they had crossed the Antonine Wall. This medallion was presumably issued to commemorate an African victory, although we would appear to have few details of any specific campaign. The reverse had first been used on a medallion of Antoninus Pius in AD 160 (Gnecchi plate 47, 1 and see plate 45, 7) after a revolt in Africa had been crushed. We know that Commodus had been planning to visit Africa in AD 188 (see also BMC clxxxii) and that in AD 186 he had instituted a regular fleet of ships to help safeguard the corn supply from Africa (Scriptores Historiae Augustae 17, 7).

An Aureus of Commodus (BMC 335, plate 99, 15), struck in AD 192 (COS VII) would appear to refer to the successful completion of a campaign in Africa. Commodus is shown togate, clasping hands with Serapis and Isis, and being crowned by Victory. As Commodus is depicted in civilian dress on the Aureus, as opposed to military dress on the above medallion, we can perhaps assume that a recently completed campaign had taken place, albeit on a minor scale, by AD 191.

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909 Pertinax (AD 193). Silver Denarius, 3.62g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES P HELV PERTIN AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. LAETITIA TEMPOR COS II, Laetitia standing left, holding wreath and sceptre (RIC 4a; BMC 8; C 20; RCV 6041). Excellent portrait, cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 1,800

910 Septimius Severus (AD 193-211). AE Sestertius, 22.25g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 194. L SEPT SEV PE-RT AVG IMP III, laureate head facing right. Rev. MONET AVG CO[S] I[I PP] / S C, the three Monetae standing left, each holding scales and a cornucopiae (RIC 670a; C.336; BMC 508 var). Dark olive-brown patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 750

911 Geta (AD 209-212). AE 23mm, 6.59g, 8h. Minted at Troas, Ilion. Π CEΠTI ΓETAC KAI, bare-headed and draped bust facing right. Rev. IΛ- IE-ΩN, helmeted, armored bust of Athena facing right, wearing an aegis (Bellinger, Troy, T235; BMC 95; SNG von Aulock 1542; SNG Copenhagen 429). Attractive, glossy sea-green patina with earthen highlights, light adjustment marks, extremely fine. $ 750

A Superb Sestertius of Macrinus, Among The Finest Known

912 Macrinus (AD 217-218). AE Medallic Sestertius, 32.27g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG, laureate and cuirassed bust facing right, seen from the front, rendered in fine style and offering a more youthful depiction of Macrinus sporting a closely cropped and impeccable beard. Rev. SECVRITAS TEMPORVM, S-C, Securitas standing left, leaning on column and holding sceptre (cf RIC 202). The heavier weight, thickness, squared-off edges and overall artistry of this coin suggests the possibility of a medallic purpose, rich dark green-brown patina, finely detailed and exceptional, extremely fine. $ 20,000

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913 Elagabalus (AD 218-222). Silver Denarius, 3.11g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 218-219. IMP CAES M AVR ANTONINVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. MARS VICTOR, Mars advancing right, holding spear and trophy (RIC 123; BMC 22; C 113; RCV 7526). About extremely fine, toned. $ 100

914 Maximinus I (AD 235-238). Silver Denarius, 3.17g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 235-236. IMP MAXIMINVS PIVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PAX AVGVSTI, Pax standing left, holding branch and a sceptre (RIC 12; BMC 68; C 31; RCV 8310). Sharply struck, attractive iridescent cabinet tone, good extremely fine. $ 200

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915 Maximinus I (AD 235-238). Silver Denarius, 3.12g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 235-236. IMP MAXIMINVS PIVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PAX AVGVSTI, Pax standing left, holding branch and a sceptre (RIC 12; BMC 68; C 31; RCV 8310). Extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 100

916 Maximinus I (AD 235-238). Silver Denarius, 2.89g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 235-236. IMP MAXIMINVS PIVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. SALVS AVGVSTI, Salus seated left, feeding a serpent rising from an altar on left (RIC 14; C 85; RCV 8316). Residual lustre, extremely fine. $ 150

917 Philip I (AD 244-249). Æ Sestertius, 19.60g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 247-249. IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. LAET FVNDATA, S-C, Laetitia standing left, holding wreath and a rudder set on globe (RIC 175a; C 73). Brown patina, good very fine. $ 275

918 Trajan Decius (AD 249-251). Silver Antoninianus, 4.64g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 251. IMP CAE TRA DECIVS AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PANNONIAE, the two Pannoniae standing right and left, clasping hands in front of a standard at centre (RIC 41b; C 83; RCV 9380 var). A little softly struck on the reverse, extremely fine, lightly toned. $ 100

919 Herennius Etruscus (AD 251). AE Sestertius, 19.39g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck as Caesar, AD 250-1. Q HER ETR MES DECIVS NOB C, draped bust facing right. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS / S-C, Herennius, wearing short tunic and chlamys, standing facing, head turned left, holding a spear in his left hand, and a wand in his right (RIC 171 var, obverse draped and cuirassed, cf note 171a; C 28). Dark, blackish-brown patina, lightly smoothed, obverse good very fine, reverse very fine. *Rare.* $ 500

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920 Trebonianus Gallus (AD 251-253). AE 22mm, 6.34g, 2h. Minted at Alexandria Troas. IMP C VIB TRIB GALLVS AVG, laureate and draped bust facing right. Rev. COL AVG TROAD, draped figure standing left, holding a branch (?) and a patera over a tripod, a long palm on right (Bellinger -; cf Gorny & Mosch 200, 10 October 2011, lot 2144). Brown patina, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 100

921 Aemilian (AD 253). Silver Antoninianus, 3.40g, 1h. Mint of Rome. IMP AEMILIANVS PIVS FEL AVG, radiate, draped, and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. AP - OL CONSERVAT, Apollo standing left, holding a branch and leaning on a lyre set on rock (RIC 1; C 2). Good very fine. $ 350

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922 Aemilian (AD 253). Silver Antoninianus, 4.20g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP CAES AEMILIANVS P F AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. APOL CONSERVAT, Apollo standing left, holding a branch and resting on a lyre set on a rock (RIC -, cf 1; C -; RCV 9830 var). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 300

923 Quintillus (AD 270). Æ Antoninianus, 2.72g, 5h. Mint of Rome. IMP C M AVR CL QVINTILLVS AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. FIDES MILITVM, Fides Militum standing left, holding a standard and a spear, E on right (RIC 18; C 28; RCV 11440). Dark brown patina, nearly extremely fine. $ 100

924 Aurelian (AD 270-275). Billon Denarius, 2.43g, 5h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 274-275. IMP AVRELIANVS AVG, laureate and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VICTORIA AVG, Victory advancing left, holding a wreath and a palm, a captive seated at her feet on left, A in exergue (RIC 73; C 255; RCV 11643). Residual silvering, extremely fine. $ 250

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925 Tacitus (AD 275-276). Billon Antoninianus, 3.78g, 7h. Mint of Lugdunum. IMP CL TACITVS AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. TEMPORVM FELICITAS, Felicitas standing left, holding caduceus and a cornucopiae, A on left, a star on right (RIC 65; C 144; RCV 11817). Much silvering, extremely fine, toned. $ 150

926 Tacitus (AD 275-276). Billon Antoninianus, 3.46g, 12h. Mint of Rome. IMP C M CL TACITVS AVG, radiate, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PROVIDENTIA AVG, Providentia standing left, holding baton and a cornucopiae, globe at her feet on left (RIC 92; C 100; RCV 11799). Iridescent toning, good extremely fine. $ 150

ex Normanby Hoard, Lincolnshire (found 1985)

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927 Florian (AD 276). Æ Antoninianus, 4.11g, 12h. Mint of Serdica. IMP·C M ANN FLORIANVS AVG, radiate and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. PROVIDEN DEOR, Providentia standing right, holding two ensigns, facing Sol, standing left, raising right hand and holding a globe, star between them, KA•B• in exergue (RIC 111; C 71; RCV 11869). Much silvering, extremely fine. $ 200

928 Probus (AD 276-282). Billon Antoninianus, 4.45g, 12h. Mint of Serdica, struck AD 277. IMP C M AVR PROBVS AVG, radiate bust facing left, wearing imperial mantle and holding an eagle-tipped sceptre. Rev. SOLI INVICTO, Sol riding in a facing quadriga, holding a whip, KAB in exergue (RIC 862; C 574; RCV 12040 var). Broad flan, much silvering, extremely fine. $ 200

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929 Probus (AD 276-282). Billon Antoninianus, 4.06g, 12h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 278-280. IMP PROBVS P F AVG, radiate and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. ADVENTVS AVG, Emperor riding on horseback left, raising his right hand and holding a sceptre, a captive below, a thunderbolt flanked by R-Z in exergue (RIC 155; C 40; RCV 11953 var). Residual silvering, extremely fine. $ 200

930 Diocletian (AD 284-305). Silver Argenteus, 2.85g, 6h. Mint of Ticinum, struck AD 294. DIOCLETI-ANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a turreted enclosure (RIC 14a; Jelocnik 24). Attractively toned, extremely fine. $ 750

931 Maximian (AD 286-305). Silver Argenteus, 3.72g, 5h. Mint of Ticinum, struck AD 294-295. MAXIMIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. VICTORIA SARMAT, the four Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod before turreted enclosure (RIC 12b; RCV 13094). Light iridescent tone, good extremely fine. $ 1,200

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932 Maximian (AD 286-305). Silver Argenteus. Mint of Ticinum, 3.01g, 6h, struck AD 295. MAXIMIA-NVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a turreted enclosure, a club below (RIC 18b; Jelocnik 36). Insignificant crack in flan, attractively toned, good extremely fine. $ 850

ex Sisak Hoard of 1953

933 Maximian (AD 286-305). Silver Argenteus, 2.93g, 12h. Mint of Siscia, struck AD 294-295. MAXIMIANVS AVG, laureate head facing right. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the four Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod before turreted enclosure (RIC 32b; RCV 13098). Light crack in flan, attractive iridescent cabinet tone, extremely fine. $ 1,000

934 Constantius I (Caesar, AD 293-305). Silver Argenteus, 3.29g, 6h. Mint of Treveri, struck AD 300-301. CONSTA-NTIVS NC, laureate and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VIRTVS MILITVM, the Tetrarchs sacrificing over a tripod in front of a turreted enclosure, a club below (RIC 124a (this specimen mentioned)). Short flan, good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 750

ex F Trau Collection
ex Gilhofer & Ranschburg, Vienna – Adolph Hess AG, Lucerne, 22 May 1935 (Vienna), lot 3547
ex Münzen und Medaillen AG, Basel 13 (1954), lot 417

935 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Gold Solidus, 4.36g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople, struck as Caesar, AD 336-337. FL IVL CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust facing left. Rev. PRINCIPI - IVVE-NTVTIS, Prince standing left, in military attire, holding a vexillum with right hand and long sceptre in left, two standards behind, CONS in exergue (RIC 112). A few old hairlines and light edge marks, otherwise extremely fine, with pleasing residual lustre. $ 4,000

936 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Silver Siliqua, 3.24g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck AD 337-347. Pearl-diademed head facing right, gazing upwards. Rev. VOTIS / XV / MVLTIS / XX within a wreath, ANT below (RIC 35). Satin grey tone, slightly uneven on obverse, extremely fine. $ 1,500

Eusebius tells us that Constantine the Great "directed his likeness to be stamped on a gold coin with his eyes uplifted in the posture of prayer to God." This early Christian motif was also employed on Constantine's other coinage and its usage continued under his son Constantius II.

937 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Silver Siliqua, 3.29g, 12h. Mint of Antioch, struck AD 337-347. Pearl-diademed head facing right, looking upwards. Rev. VOTIS / X V / MVLTIS / X X; with a wreath, ANT below (RIC 35). Attractively toned, nearly extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

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938 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Silver Siliqua, 2.80g, 12h. Mint of Nicomedia, struck AD 347-348. D N CONSTANTIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed head facing right. Rev. VOTIS / XXV / MVLTIS / XXX within a wreath, SMN in exergue (RIC 40; C 340; RCV 17929). Light porosity, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 220

939 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Silver Siliqua, 3.28g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople, fifth officina, struck AD 351-355. D N CONSTAN-TIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTIS / XXXX within a wreath, C - E either side of a branch below (RIC 102). Soft grey toning with pearl highlights, extremely fine. $ 400

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940 Constantius II (AD 337-361). Silver Siliqua, 3.26g, 12h. Mint of Constantinople, struck AD 353-355. D N CONSTANTIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VOTIS / XXX / MVLTIS / XXXX within a wreath, C • S in exergue (RIC 102; C 342; RCV 17939). Uneven patina, light flan crack, good very fine. $ 220

941 Theodosius I (AD 379-395). Silver Siliqua, 1.46g, 6h. Mint of Treveri, struck AD 388-392. D N THEODOSIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VIRTVS ROMANORVM, Roma seated left, holding Victory on a globe and a spear, TRPS in exergue (RIC 94b; C 57; RCV 20459). Cabinet tone, about extremely fine. $ 200

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, June 1998, vol CVI, no.5, item 3547

942 Theodosius II (A.D. 402-450). Gold Solidus, 4.46g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople, struck AD 423-424. D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, slightly inclined to the right, holding a spear and a shield. Rev. VOT XX MVLT XXX Γ, Victory standing left, supporting a long jewelled cross, a star on left, CONOB in exergue (RIC 225; Depeyrot 75/1). Light traces of double-striking on reverse, in high relief, extremely fine. $ 1,500

Very Rare Pulcheria Gold Solidus

943 Pulcheria (sister of Theodosius II). Gold Solidus, 4.46g, 12h. Mint of Constantinople, struck AD 414. AEL PVLCH-ERIA AVG, pearl-diademed and draped bust facing right, wearing necklace and earrings, crowned by the Hand of God. Rev. SALVS REI PVBLICAE, Victory seated right on cuirass, supporting on her left knee a shield inscribed with Chi Rho monogram, to which he points, a star on left, CONOB in exergue (RIC 205; Hahn 14; DOC 436). Nearly extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 8,000

944 Aelia Verina (wife of Leo I, Augusta AD 457-484). AE 2, 3.92g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople, fifth officina. AEL VERINA AVG, diademed and draped bust facing right. Rev. SALVS REIPVBLICAE, Victory seated right, holding a shield inscribed with Chi-Rho, CONE in exergue (RIC 656). Some light tooling, deep olive-brown patina, about extremely fine. $ 750

BYZANTINE

945 Justinian I (AD 527-565). AE Follis, 15.84g, 6h. Mint of Rome, struck AD 536-538. DN IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVG, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. Large M between stars and cross, a cross above and A below, ROMA in exergue; all within a wreath (MIBE V, 218, but with an exergual line; S -). Very fine. *Rare.* $ 400

946 Justinian I (AD 527-565). Æ Follis, 22.84g. Mint of Constantinople. Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing. Rev. large M, flanked by ANNO and XU, officina B, CON in exergue (S 163); Constantine VII and Zoe (AD 914-919). Æ Follis, 5.21g (S 1758); Theophilos (AD 829-842), Æ Follis, 3.31g, mint of Syracuse (S 1681 var). First about very fine, second good fine, the last very fine. (3) $ 200

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947 Tiberius II Constantine (AD 578-582). Gold Solidus, 4.09g, lightweight issue of 22 Siliquae, Constantinople. Crowned and cuirassed bust of Tiberius II Constantine facing, holding globus cruciger and shield, d M Tib CONSTANT PP AVI. Rev. VICTORI-A AVGG, cross potent set upon four steps, ΘE//OB+*. (DOC 38 (Theoupolis); MIBE 5; SB 446 (Theoupolis)). In NGC holder graded MS, Strike 5/5, Surface 4/5. $ 1,000

948 Maurice Tiberius (AD 582-602). AE Follis, 13.66g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. MAVRICI – TibER PP AV, helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, holding a globus cruciger and a shield. Rev. Large M, flanked by ANNO and XGIII, officina A, CON in exergue (MIBE 67D; S 494). Some light pitting, very fine. $ 150

949 Constans II (AD 641-668). Gold Tremissis, 1.50g, 6h. Mint of Syracuse. dN CONSTAN TINUS PP A, diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing right. Rev. VICTORIA AVGU, cross potent, CONOB beneath, U in right field (MIB 111(4); DO 175a; S 1102). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,500

950 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.38g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. IUSTINIA-NUS PE AV, bust of Emperor facing with short beard, wearing a crown ornamented with a cross, and a chlamys, holding a globus cruciger. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGU Δ, cross potent on three steps, CONOB in exergue (MIB 6; S 1246). Slightly off-centre and some flatness on reverse legend, otherwise extremely fine. $ 1,100

951 Justinian II (first reign, AD 685-695). Gold Solidus, 4.44g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. IhS CRISTOS RETNANTIUM, bust of Christ facing, with cross behind head, holding book of Gospels and raising hand in benediction. Rev. D IUSTINIANUS SERU ChRISTI A, Justinian standing facing, wearing crown and loros, holding a cross potent on two steps and akakia, CONO-P in exergue (MIB 8a; S 1248). Slightly double-struck on the reverse and some soft striking on legends, otherwise about extremely fine. $ 3,000

952 Leontius (AD 695-698). Gold Solidus, 4.32g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. D LEO-N PE AV, bust of Emperor facing, wearing a crown and loros and holding a globus cruciger and akakia. Rev. VICTORIA AUGU A, cross potent on three steps, CONOB in exergue (MIB 1; S 1330). Bold portrait, extremely fine. $ 1,800

Very Rare Irene Gold Solidus

953 Irene (sole reign, August 797 – October 802). Gold Solidus, 3.84g, 6h. Mint of Syracuse. EIRIΛ – bASILISI, bust of Irene facing, wearing chlamys and a crown with pendilia, holding a globus cruciger and a sceptre, a pellet in left field. Rev. EIRIΛ – bASILISI, bust of Irene facing, wearing loros, holding a globus cruciger and a sceptre, C-I left and right (DO -; S -; Füeg, Nomismata 26.2). Good extremely fine, choice. *Very rare.* $ 10,000

Extremely Rare Gold Solidus of Nicephorus I Alone

954 Nicephorus I (Alone, AD 802-811). Gold Solidus, 3.75g, 6h. Mint of Syracuse. ΛI-FOROS bAS (blundered), bust of emperor facing, wearing a crown and loros, and holding a corss potnet and akakia. Rev. IhSUS XPIS-TUS hICA X, cross potent on two steps, flanked by C-I (DO -; Spahr -; S -; cf NAC 75, 2013, lot 696). Extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 10,000

955 Nicephorus I, with Stauracius (AD 803-811). Gold Solidus, 3.85g, 7h. Mint of Syracuse. n-ICFOROS, bust of emperor facing, wearing crown and loros, and holding a cross potent. Rev. ST-AURAC, bust of Stauracius facing, wearing a crown and chlamys, and holding a globus cruciger and akakia (DO III(I) 6; BN p. 501; S 1608). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 6,000

956 Theophilus (AD 829-830). Gold Semissis, 1.78g, 6h. Mint of Syracuse. Bust of emperor facing, wearing a chlamys and holding a globus cruciger. Rev. Bust of emperor facing, wearing a loros and holding a globus cruciger (DO 19; S 1676). Extremely fine. $ 600

957 Nicephorus II (AD 963-969). Gold Solidus, 4.36g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. Bust of Christ facing, wearing a nimbus cruciger, a pallium and colobium, raising right hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels. Rev. facing busts of the Virgin, nimbate, and Nicephorus, crowned, holding between them a patriarchal cross (DO 4; Sear 1778). Light die-flaw on the obverse, extremely fine. $ 1,800

958 Michael VII, Dukas (AD 1071-1078). Gold Histamenon, 4.42g, 6h. Mint of Constantinople. IC-XC, facing nimbate bust of Christ. Rev. +MIX-AHΛ RACIΛ O Δ, facing bust of emperor, holding a labarum and a globus cruciger (DOC 2d; S.1868). Well-struck and finely detailed, extremely fine. $ 400

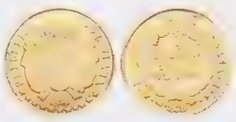
WORLD COINS

AUSTRIA

Franz Joseph Pattern Gold Set of 1855

1001 Franz Joseph I (1848-1916). Three Coin Gold Pattern Set. 20-Gulden, 13.32g, 10-Gulden, 7.31g, and 5-Gulden, 4.46g, 1855-A. Laureate head of king right. Rev. Crowned double headed imperial eagle and value 62 / 31 / 15½ EINE FEINE VEREINS MARK (KM Pn47, Pn48, Pn49). All in NGC holders graded Proof 65 Ultra Cameo, Proof 65 Ultra Cameo and Proof 65 Cameo. *Of the highest rarity, only two sets known.* (3) $ 125,000

BOLIVIA



1002 Republic. Gold ½-Escudo, 1868 FE, Potosi, 1.30g. Arms. Rev. Value in wreath (Fr 39; KM 140). Nearly extremely fine. $ 250

CUBA

1003 Republic. Provisional Coinage. Copper Proof 20-Centavos, 4.67g, 1870. Arms. Rev. Value (KM Pn3a). Nearly extremely fine, lacking proof surface but with some original redness. *Scarce, only 40 specimens struck.* $ 750

A Rare Variety of the Silver Medal for the Capture of the Spanish Silver Fleet off Cuba, 1628 Struck From Captured Treasure and Showing An Unbroken Shoreline

1004 Netherlands, Admiral Piet Heyn (1578-1629). The capture of the Spanish silver fleet at Matanzas Bay, Cuba, 1628. Silver Medal, 58.41g, 58.87mm, unsigned. Panoramic view of the naval action with ships and rowing boats crowded into the bay, Heyn's flagship to the fore, an unbroken shoreline beyond without mountains, legend around, NON FERRO TANTVM HISPANVS QVANTVM VALET AVRO: AVRVM AVFER FERRO NON SVPEREBIT IBER:. Rev. Legend in 14 lines, INDICA CLASSE INTERCEPTA, PARTISQ. SINE SANGVINE OPVLENTISSIMIS SPOLIIS AD CVBÆ PORTVM, HISPANORVM NVNC DAMNIS QVAM OLIM CAEDE, NOBILIOREM, FOEDERATAE BELGICO-GERMANIÆ PROCERES E GAZA CAPTIVA MONVMENTVM CVDI FECERVNT. CIC DCXXIX. Cum Privil' (Betts 25; vL II, 171, image of this variety; MH 516 var; Medina 358; John J. Ford, XIII (Stacks, 16 January, 2006), lot 683). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 20,000

The action on 9 September is memorable for there being no loss of life. The Spanish, aware of Heyn's presence, were starting to unload the silver when his fleet arrived at the bay at Mantanzas. Heyn met little resistance, was taken to Vice-Admiral Benavides and accepted his surrender. The captured treasure was almost entirely silver, which weighing some 177,000 pounds, was worth about 12 million Guilders. The Ford specimen (ex Wayte Raymond Collection), sold for US$20,000 in 2006. Purchased by the American collector John Adams, it was sold again by Heritage, FUN Signature Auction, 9-14 January 2013, for US$28,000.

DANISH WEST INDIES

1005 Christian VII (1766-1808). Silver 24-Skilling, 1767, Copenhagen, 6.26g. Crowned monogram, Rev. Ship sails to left (Hede 7; KM 10). Good very fine, minor haymarking flecks. $ 850

EGYPT

1006 Abdul Aziz (AH 1277-1293 / 1861-1876 AD). Gold 500-Qirsh, AH 1277/11 (1870) (KM 265). In NGC holder graded AU55. *An attractive and rare coin.* $ 6,000

FRANCE

1007 Louis XIV (1638-1643-1715). Birth of Louis de France, le Grand Dauphin. Silver Medal, 1638, 232g, 75mm, by Michel Molart (Mollart, Molard - active 1643-1694, died c.1714). Bust right wearing lion-skin mantle around shoulders, LUDOVICUS XIIII FR ET NAV REX. Rev. Façade of the Louvre, OB GRATIAM DIV DESIDERATI REGII PARTVS, edge stamped ARGENT with "Hand" poinçon for 1845-1860. Extremely fine, struck with wide border, bruised at 2 o'clock, obverse toned in part, reverse unevenly toned and with signs of rust marks from die. $ 350

Olympic Games Silver Medal, 1924

1008 Olympic Games. The 8th Olympiade, Paris, 1924. Silver Award Medal for second place, 79.64g, 55mm, by André Rivaud (born 1892). Two naked athletes, one raising the other from the ground. Rev. VIIIEME OLYMPIADE PARIS 1924 within cartouche, emblems of sport around, in base section of case of issue. Extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 10,000

Attributed to Walter Riggs (1877-1951), one of four crew members of the British yacht *Emily*, in the 8 Metre Class. The event was held at Le Havre, 21-26 July, and was won by Norway with France in Bronze Medal position. The *Emily* was designed by William Fife (1857-1944). In all only 304 silver medals awarded.

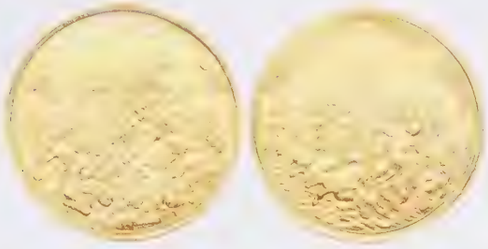
GERMANY

1009 Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel-Herzogtum. Julius (1568-1589). Silver Reichstaler, 1589, Heinrichstadt, 28.73g. Half-length armoured bust three-quarters left, above monogram, figure of Time leaning on tablet (Dav 9068; Welter 583). Very fine with pleasant patination. $ 300

1010 Saxony. Baptismal Medallic Thaler, undated (c.1640), 21.45g, 48.5mm, by Paul Walter. Figures around font where priest baptises infant, the name Jehovah, IHS and Holy Dove radiate above. Rev. Legends in Roman script around and Gothic in centre. Very fine. $ 800

Forrer (BDM VI, 348) states that Walter was working in Dresden for the Elector John George I of Saxony between 1635-1644.

Extramaly Rare Gold 2-Ducats of Jewish Interest

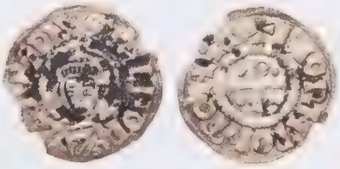


1011 Judaica. Nürnberg. Gold Medallic 2-Ducats, undated, 6.97g, 30.5mm, by G F Nürnberger (1677-1721) and Daniel Sigmund Dockler (1688-1730), signed N - DSD. The Flight from Egypt, Moses commands the sea to part and the Israelites stream across, those who have crossed pray in thanks, BELEBET GOTTES KINDER. Rev. The Egyptian army, their horses and chariots swamped by the waters, DIS WASSER TOEDET SUNDER (Gop -; Finkelstein -; Erl -). A decorative medal of great Jewish interest, extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,500

1012 Prussia. Wilhelm I (1861-1888). 25th Anniversary of the Association for the Preservation of Cologne Cathedral. Large Silver Medal, 1867, 165.46g, 70mm, by Wilhelm Kulrich (for Loos). Conjoined busts left of Wilhelm I and Friedrich Wilhelm IV. Rev. View of the cathedral still in an unfinished state (Marienb 10390, in Bronze; Sommer K 60; BDM III, 245). Very fine, edge knock at 8 to 9 o'clock on reverse, surface has been brush cleaned. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

ex Künker Auction, 28-29 September 2010, lot 3644

GREAT BRITAIN



1013 Anglo-Saxon. Ceolnoth (833-870), Archbishop of Canterbury. Silver Penny, 0.76g, group I, moneyer Beornmod. Facing tonsured bust to rim, linear circle surrounding, +CIALNOÐ ARCEPIS. Rev. Chi-Rho monogram, pellet in each angle, legend and beaded circles surrounding, +BIORNMOD MONETA, outer beaded circle surrounding (Naismith C117.2; N 242; S 893). Rim chipped, metal fabric crystallised with uneven toning, otherwise about very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

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1014 Anglo-Saxon. Edward the Elder (899-924), King of Wessex. Non-portrait Silver Penny, 1.68g, moneyer Mann. Small cross pattée within linear circle, +EADVVEARD REX, outer beaded border both sides. Rev. Three cross pattée across centre, legend in two lines, MANN M / ONETA, tri-pellets above, one pellet below (N 649; S 1087). Good very fine, lightly toned. $ 900

1015 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.28g, two line type, Southern and Mercia style, moneyer Burnhelm. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, beaded border surrounding. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, +BVRHE HEM MO, HE ligatured, beaded border surrounding (N 668(a); S 1089). Very fine, slightly uneven dark tone. $ 900

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1016 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.22g, two line type, Southern and Mercia style, moneyer Abonel(?). Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, beaded border surrounding. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, retrograde legend, +ABNE IIOLEĐ, beaded border surrounding (N 668(a); S 1089). Bold very fine, lightly toned. $ 900

1017 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.30g, two line type, moneyer Badda, North Eastern style I. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +ÆĐELSTAN RE, beaded border surrounding. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, +BADA DA MO, beaded border surrounding (N 668(b); S 1089). Bold very fine, lightly toned. $ 900

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1018 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939), titled as King of all the Britons. Silver Penny, 1.54g, circumscription cross type, City of London mint, moneyer Ellaf. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, both sides with legend and beaded border surrounding, +ÆĐELSTAN REX TOT BRIT. Rev. +ELLAF MONETA LVND CIVITT (N 672; S 1093). Small raised die flaw on obverse, bold very fine, lightly toned. $ 1,800

1019 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939), titled as King of all the Britons. Silver Penny, 1.44g, circumscription cross type, York mint, moneyer Regnald. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, both sides with legend and beaded border surrounding, extra tiny pellet on obverse by cross, +EĐELSTAN REX TO BRIT. Rev. +REGNALD MO EFORPIG (N 672; S 1093). One third of outer rim chipped away, otherwise good very fine, attractively toned. $ 1,800

1020 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.65g, portrait type, City of London mint, moneyer Grimwald. Crowned and draped bust right to edge of coin, linear circle surrounding, legend surrounds commencing lower left, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, linear and beaded border surrounding. Rev. Small cross at centre, linear circle surrounding, legend around, +GRIMPALD MO LOND CI, linear and beaded border surrounding (N 675; S 1095). Flan flaw by face and at corresponding part of reverse, small x-shaped scratch on the reverse, facial profile a little weak, otherwise about very fine, lightly toned. $ 3,000

1021 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.61g, portrait type, City of London mint, moneyer Liofhelm. Crowned and draped bust right to edge of coin, linear circle surrounding, legend surrounds commencing lower left, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, linear and beaded border surrounding. Rev. Small cross at centre, linear circle surrounding, legend around, +LIOFHELM MO LOND CI, linear and beaded border surrounding (N 675; S 1095). A little weak at base of bust and corresponding part of the reverse rim, otherwise very fine with a good face, perhaps once cleaned, now lightly toned. $ 3,750

1022 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.63g, portrait type, Oxford mint, moneyer Eardulf. Crowned and draped bust right to edge of coin, linear circle surrounding, legend surrounds commencing lower left, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, linear and beaded border surrounding. Rev. Small cross at centre, linear circle surrounding, legend around, +EARDULF MO OX VR, linear and beaded border surrounding (N 675; S 1095). A little weak on hair of bust, otherwise very fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 3,750

1023 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.50g, portrait type, Wallingford mint, moneyer Aethelmund. Crowned and draped bust right to edge of coin, linear circle surrounding, legend surrounds commencing lower left, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, linear and beaded border surrounding. Rev. Small cross at centre, linear circle surrounding, legend around, +AĐELMVND MON PE, linear and beaded border surrounding (N 675; S 1095). A little weak at top of bust and legend both sides, otherwise very fine, darkly toned. *Rare.* $ 3,750

1024 Anglo-Saxon. Aethelstan (924-939). Silver Penny, 1.53g, portrait type, presumably Wallingford mint, moneyer Aethelmund. Crowned and draped bust right to edge of coin, linear circle surrounding, legend surrounds commencing lower left, +ÆĐELSTAN REX, linear and beaded border surrounding. Rev. Small cross at centre, linear circle surrounding, legend around, +AĐELMVND MO X, linear and beaded border surrounding (N 675; S 1095). A little weak in parts of the reverse legend, otherwise very fine, lightly toned. *Rare.* $ 3,750

This coin shares the same obverse die as the previous lot and the other two recorded Wallingford Pennies in the Sylloge series (SCBI 30:339 and 34:153), though, intriguingly, there is no Wallingford Mint signature and, tantalisingly, there is an "X" at the end of the legend before the initial cross. The angle of this is different to the initial cross so could be an "X" which, if joined to the preceding "O", would give "OX" for an Oxford reading. However the majority of Oxford coins of Aethelstan also read "VR" for Urbis as on the coin two lots before this. This coin is therefore more likely one without the mint signature with "MO" for Moneta and a duplication of the initial cross.

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1025 Anglo-Saxon. Eadmund (939-946). Silver Penny, 1.54g, two line type, moneyer Birneard. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +EADMVND REX, linear and beaded border surrounding both sides. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, BIRNE ARD MO (N 688; S 1105). Very fine, toned. $ 900

1026 Anglo-Saxon. Eadmund (939-946). Silver Penny, 1.33g, two line type, moneyer Englberd. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +EADMVND REX, linear and beaded border surrounding both sides. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, ENGLB RED MO (N 688; S 1105). Very fine, toned. $ 900

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1027 Anglo-Saxon. Eadmund (939-946). Silver Penny, 1.48g, two line type, moneyer Heremod. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +EADMVND REX, linear and beaded border surrounding both sides. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, tri-pellets above and below, HERE. MOD MO (N 688; S 1105). Very fine, a little unevenly toned. $ 750

1028 Anglo-Saxon. Eadmund (939-946). Silver Penny, 1.48g, two line type, North Western style, moneyer Osulf. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, EADMVND REX, linear and beaded border surrounding both sides. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, rosette of pellets above and below, OSVLF MONI (N 691; S 1105). Bold very fine, lightly toned. $ 900

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1029 Anglo-Saxon. Eadmund (939-946). Silver Penny, 1.56g, two line type, moneyer Tilred. Cross pattée with linear circle surrounding, legend around, +EADMVND REX, linear and beaded border surrounding both sides. Rev. Moneyer name in two lines divided by three horizontal crosses, cross above, pellet below, TILR:. ED MO (N 692/2; S 1105). Bold very fine, lightly toned. *Moneyer appears to be unrecorded in North.* $ 900

1030 Anglo-Saxon. Harold Harefoot (1035-1040). Silver Penny, jewel cross type (Spring 1036-1038), 0.89g, Lincoln mint, moneyer Swartbrand. Diademed bust left, legend commences at top, +HAR OLD REX. Rev. Cross of four ovals united by twin circles with a central pellet, + SPERTEBRA ON LIN (BMC type I; N 802; S 1163). Slight perforation at eyebrow line, otherwise good very fine, toned. *Scarce.* $ 1,000

ex The Viking Collection, Spink Auction 150, 14 March 2001, lot 1041
ex Spink Auction 219, 24-25 September 2013, lot 157

1031 Edward III (1327-1377). Gold Noble, undated, Treaty period, London mint. King stands facing in ship, bearing sword and shield. Rev. Floriated cross with lis at ends, large E in centre (S 1502; Fr 95). In NGC holder graded MS63, crisp letters and sharply struck design with lots of original lustre. $ 5,000

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1032 Edward VI (1547-1553). Silver Crown, 1553, 3 over 2, Fine Silver Issue, 30.55g. King on horseback right, date below, circles and HIBER type legend surrounding, E over reversed E at start of legend, initial mark tun both sides. Rev. Quartered shield over long cross fourchée, no wire line inner circle on reverse (Lingford dies A/18; N 1933; S 2478). Weak in parts, small nick in edge, otherwise good fine, toned. *A rare overdate.* $ 3,000

1033 Edward VI (1547-1553). Silver Shilling, third period, fine silver issue (1551-1553), 6.34g. Facing crowned portrait, rose to left, value to right which is within linear and beaded circles surrounding, initial mark y both sides. Rev. Quartered shield of arms upon long cross fourchée (N 1937; S 2482). Small flan crack in legend, otherwise about very fine, toned. $ 350

1034 Elizabeth I (1558-1603). Silver Crown, Seventh issue (1601-1602), 29.69g. Crowned ornate bust left with orb and sceptre, initial mark 1 (1601) both sides. Rev. Quartered shield over long cross fourchée (Cooper dies B/2; N 2012; S 2582). Struck a little short of flan giving a straight rim in one part, otherwise very fine, toned. $ 7,500

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, June 2006, MS7403, featured on the front cover

Popular Charles I Triple Unite, Oxford Mint

1035 Charles I (1625-1649). Gold Triple Unite, 1642, 27.10g, Oxford mint. Half-length crowned and armoured figure of King left holding upright sword and palm branch, Oxford plume in field behind, portrait meets beaded circle top and bottom, initial mark Oxford plume, CAROLVS. D:G: MAG: BRIT: FR: ET. HIB: REX, outer beaded border both sides. Rev. Initial mark four pellets at left of legend, Declaration inscription in three wavy lines on continuous scroll, RELIG: PROT / :LEG: ANG / LIBER: PAR, date below, value between pellets and three Oxford plumes above, top plume touches beaded circle surrounding, EXVRGAT: DEVS: DISSIPENTVR: INIMICI (Beresford-Jones dies I/S1; Schneider 284; Brooker 830; N 2381; S 2724). One small rim bruise and minor hairlines, otherwise well struck with wear only on the highest points, good very fine, lightly toned. *Very rare.* $ 65,000

ex Samuel King Collection, Spink, 5 May 2005, lot 75
ex Mark Rasmussen, List 15, no.60
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2012, item BH031

According to Beresford-Jones, this is the first type of Triple Unite struck at Oxford

1036 Charles I (1625-1649). Obsidional Coinage. Newark besieged. Silver Halfcrown on lozenge shaped flan, 1646, 15.55g. Large crown over value, C to left, R to right, beaded border both sides. Rev. Inscription and date (Brooker 1222; N 2638; S 3140A). Two small pinholes at top of each side, otherwise good very fine, toned. $ 3,500

ex Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin, November 1962, item 7026, graded as "extremely fine"
ex Mark Rasmussen, list 16, no.H2

1037 Charles I (1625-1649). Obsidional Coinage. Newark besieged. Silver Sixpence on lozenge shaped flan, 1646, 2.96g. Large crown over value, C to left, R to right, beaded border both sides. Rev. Inscription and date (Hird 267-9; Brooker 1228; N 2642; S 3146). Struck on a large flan, very fine, toned. *Rare, the rarest denomination at Newark.* $ 2,000

1038 Charles I (1625-1649). Marriage of Princess Mary to William of Orange. Silver Medal, 1641, 88.73g, 72mm, by J Blum. The couple face each other and clasp hands, each crowned with a wreath by a cloud-borne cherub, above them a dove in a radiant sun and in the distance a palace, ALBIONUM GENUIT REX ME SUMMUSQUE MONARCHA CAROLUS, ET SPONSAM ME JUBET ESSE TUAM, PRINCEPS ME HERNICUS GENUIT FORTISSIMUS HEROS NASOULÆ, ET SPONSUM ME JUBET ESSE TUUM, in exergue LONDINI DESPONSATI WILHELM' ET MARIA, ANO 1641, 12 MAJ. Rev. Pallas receives an olive branch from Peace, BELLONAM PRINCEPS PALLAS PEDIBUS TERIT ET PAX FLORET, ET ALMA CERES, CONFERT SACRO ALITE FRUGES, in exergue NOUI IMPERII AUSPICIO BONO (Eimer 137; MI 287/100; vLoon 251). Good extremely fine with lustrous fields and subtle chestnut brown patina, an unusually high quality example. $ 5,000

1039 Oliver Cromwell (died 1658). Silver Halfcrown, 1658, 15.04g. Laureate and draped bust left. Rev. Crowned quartered shield of arms of the Protectorate, edge inscribed in raised letters (ESC 447; S 3227A). Good extremely fine, just a few hairlines on the obverse and one light hairline scratch from bridge of nose to lettering, attractively toned with underlying prooflike brilliance. *Rare this nice.* $ 8,000

1040 Oliver Cromwell (died 1658). Copper Farthing, undated, 4.01g, engraved by David Ramage. Portrait of Lord Protector left, top of head breaks roped circle surrounding, legend around, OLIVAR. PRO. ENG. SC. IRL. Rev. Crowned quartered shield of arms of the Protectorate, CHARITIE. AND . CHANGE, legend with lozenge stops, inverted die axis, edge plain (Peck 390; S 3230). Almost extremely fine, toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 18,000

ex H Deane Collection, purchased by A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 1946

1041 Charles II (1660-1685). Copper Halfpenny, 1675, 11.33g. No stops on obverse, laureate and cuirassed bust left, CAROLVS A CAROLO, toothed border both sides. Rev. Britannia seated left on globe, with shield, spear and spray of leaves, date in exergue, BRITAN NIA. legend, inverted die axis (Peck 517; S 3393). Extremely fine, toned. *Extremely rare, unpriced in the Standard Catalogue in such high grade.* $ 1,500

ex Gregory Collection (part 3), Baldwin's Auction 50, 24 April 2007, lot 315

1042 James II (1685-1688). Tin Halfpenny, with copper insert at centre, 1685, 11.07g. Laureate and draped bust right, legend around without terminal stop. Rev. Britannia seated left on globe, with olive branch, spear and shield, legend around, plain exergue, edge inscribed in raised letters, NUMMORVM* FAMVLVS* 1685 * (Peck 539; S 3419). Still the finest known James II Tin Halfpenny known, a few tiny corrosion spots, otherwise good extremely fine with plenty of mint lustre. *Of the highest rarity this well preserved.* $ 11,000

ex Entwistle Collection, Spink Auction 75, lot 357, illustrated on colour plate and back cover of catalogue
ex Dr Terry Aitken Collection, Canada, purchased by Colin Cooke 1996
ex Dr Basil Nicholson Collection, online auction, Colin Cooke 2005, lot 27

1043 William & Mary (1688-1694). Maundy Set of Silver Fourpence 1.79g, Threepence 1.53g, Twopence 0.94g and Penny 0.55g, 1689. Conjoined heads right. Rev. Crowned value within wreath, date either side of crown, Penny with legend error in King's name, reading GVIELMVS (ESC 2384 R3; S 3446). Generally good very fine and toned, quite streaky on the Threepence and Twopence. *Rare.* (4) $ 1,800

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, August 2005, item MS6629, featured on the front cover

1044 William & Mary (1688-1694). Tin Halfpenny, with copper insert at centre, 1690, 11.19g. Conjoined busts right, legend surrounding. Rev. Britannia seated left on globe, with olive branch, spear and shield, legend around, plain exergue, edge inscribed in raised letters, NUMMORVM* FAMVLVS* 1690 * (Peck 568; S 3448). Some lustre, mainly on the obverse, some light corrosion spots on reverse, otherwise extremely fine. $ 4,500

Mint State 1701 Five Guineas

1045 William III (1694-1702). Gold Five Guineas, 1701, Second Bust type. Laureate head of William right. Rev. Crowned cruciform arms, with angled sceptres and lion at centre, date above (S 3456; Fr 310; KM 508). In NGC holder graded MS62+, bold strike with reflective fields and lovely toning. $ 25,000

1046 William III (1694-1702). Gold Guinea, 1701, 8.36g. Second laureate head right. Rev. Crowned cruciform emblematic shields, sceptres in angles, lion of Nassau at centre (Schneider 510-512; MCE 186; S 3463). Very fine, reverse better, lightly toned. $ 3,000

1047 William III (1694-1702). Gold Half-Guinea, 1698, 4.26g. Laureate head right. Rev. Crowned cruciform emblematic shields, later harp in Irish arms, sceptres in angles, lion of Nassau at centre in an escutcheon, date either side of top crown (Schneider 518; MCE 193; S 3468). Some hairlines and flecking, otherwise extremely fine, toned. $ 3,500

ex Spink Auction 168, 15 April 2004, lot 261
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2014, item BM022

1048 Anne (1702-1714). Gold Half-Guinea, 1710, 4.15g. Draped bust left. Rev. Post-Union type crowned cruciform emblematic shields, sceptres in angles, garter star at centre, date either side of top crown (Schneider 538; MCE 233; S 3575). Extremely fine, lightly hairlined and toned with underlying brilliance. $ 3,500

ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2014, item BM023

1049 Anne (1702-1714). Battle of Malplaquet. Silver Medal, 1709, 40.50g, 47mm, by J Croker. Crowned bust of Anne left wearing Garter Collar, George and Star. Rev. The French entrenchments in a wood fire on the attacking allied force, Victory flies above, CONCORDIA ET VIRTVTE (MI 359/197; Eimer 438). Very fine. $ 450

1050 George I (1714-1727). Gold Half-Guinea, 1725, 4.19g. Second laureate head right. Rev. Crowned cruciform emblematic shields, sceptres in angles, garter star at centre, edge obliquely grained (Schneider 553; MCE 274; S 3637). Extremely fine, die flaw on the forehead, pleasing red tone with underlying mint brilliance. $ 3,500

ex Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin, May 1990, item GG55
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2013, item BM030

The Schneider Collection contains two 1725 Half-Guineas one from the perfect forehead obverse die and the other from the so-called "damaged die" obverse of which this coin is a similar example.

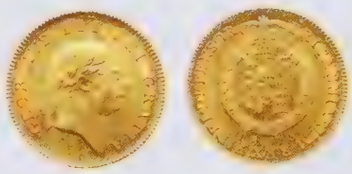
1051 Jacobite. James (III), Elder Pretender. Death of Princess Louisa. Silver Commemorative Medal, 1712, by Norbert Roettier. Armoured and draped bust of Prince James left, IAOBVS III D G M B F ET H REX. Rev. Bust of Princess Louisa left, PRINCEPS LVD SER M B REGIS SOROR, 52mm (MI 388/241; Woolf 25.2). In NGC holder graded MS64, grey tone. *Rare.* $ 3,000

1052 Jacobite. William, Duke of Cumberland, The Rebels Retreat to Scotland. Bronze Commemorative Medal, 1745, 33mm, by T Pingo. Armoured bust right. Rev. Lion overcomes a wolf (Woolf 53:4; MI 607/265). In NGC holder graded MS64BN, first signs of a die flaw on the reverse. $ 350

1053 Jacobite. William, Duke of Cumberland, Cumberland Returns to London. Bronze Commemorative Medal, 1746, 42mm, by J Kirk. Bust three-quarters left in tricorn hat. Rev. The Duke receives a palm branch from George II (Woolf 54:1b; MI 608/268). In NGC holder graded MS63BN, usual die flaw on the reverse. $ 550

1054 George III (1760-1820). Gold Half-Guinea, 1804, 4.17g. Seventh laureate head right. Rev. Quartered shield of arms upon crowned garter, date below, legend surrounding, edge obliquely grained (Schneider -; MCE 442; S 3737). Pleasing extremely fine with a light red tone. $ 800

ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2013, item BM033



1055 George III (1760-1820). Gold Half-Guinea, 1813, 4.18g. Seventh laureate head right. Rev. Quartered shield of arms upon crowned garter, date below, legend surrounding, edge obliquely grained (Schneider -; MCE 448; S 3737). Good extremely fine with a light red tone and prooflike brilliance. *Very rare.* $ 1,800

ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Summer 2013, BM034

1056 George III (1760-1820). Gold Pattern Sixpence, Ayrshire token issue, 1799, 3.91g, by Milton for Colonel Fullerton. Cuirassed bust left of George Prince of Wales as Steward of Scotland. Rev. Crowned cruciform shields, Garter Star at centre with escutcheon of St George and dragon, Welsh plumes in angles (Davies 15). In NGC holder graded MS65, lightly toned and virtually as struck. *Extremely rare.* $ 12,000

ex Stacks Auction, 24 April 2008, lot 1252, where the weight was recorded before being put in a holder
ex St James Auction 14, 30 September 2010, lot 519

1057 George III (1760-1820). Silver Restrike Pattern Penny, 1797, 24.22g, by W J Taylor after Küchler, struck in silver on a 3mm thick flan. Large undraped bust right, K:. recut, small letter legend both sides. Rev. Britannia seated left on globe, K recut below shield, ship to left, date in exergue, struck en médaille (Peck 1144, R55). Practically as struck, toned. *Very rare.* $ 4,500

ex H Deane Collection, purchased by A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, 1946
ex Baldwin's Auction 52, 25 September 2007, lot 562

1058 George III (1760-1820). Copper Penny, 1797, 28.48g. Laureate and draped bust right, ten leaf wreath, ribbon tie points outwards, legend incuse on raised rim surrounding on both sides. Rev. Britannia seated left, with olive branch trident and shield, ship sailing right on left horizon (Peck 1132; S 3777). Good extremely fine with considerable lustre, even on the reverse, uneven patches of tone on the reverse. $ 600

ex Spink Numismatic Circular, July 2009, item MS3508, featured with other coins on the front cover

1059 Victoria (1837-1901). Gold Sovereign, 1874, die number 32. Third young head left, w.w. in relief on truncation, raised die flaw from rear of neck to last word of legend, date below, date and legend with light raised die flaws. Rev. Crowned quartered shield of arms within laurel wreath, die number 32 below, emblems below (Bentley 301; Marsh 58; MCE 537; S 3853B). In NGC holder graded MS 62, hairline nicks on neck, toned. *The rarest die number shield Sovereign for the Victorian series.* $ 12,000

Calendar year mintage 520,713

Exceedingly Rare Gold Pattern Mule

1060 Victoria (1837-1901). Gold Pattern Half-Sovereign / Sixpence mule, 1841. Young head left, date below, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA legend, toothed border both sides. Rev. Crowned value within wreath of laurel and oak tied with ribbon, date below, edge milled (W&R 377 R7, plate coin; Davies 1141; ESC 1173 R7; Bull 3296). In NGC holder graded AU55, retaining mint brilliance, small figures scratched in by hand in field, 435 over 500 at upper left and 45 (or K5) over 500 at lower right of obverse, dig to upper left and small patch of scratches behind neck. *Of the highest rarity.* $ 18,000

ex Glendining's Auction, 13 April 1972, lot 402 – plate coin Wilson & Rasmussen
ex Hong Kong Coin Auction 42, Baldwin / Ma Tak Wo, 30 August 2007, lot 1143
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Winter 2007, item BM037
ex Goldberg Coin Auction 55, 29 October 2009, lot 1021

The only other known example in commerce is illustrated in the new English Silver Coinage by Maurice Bull and does not seem to carry fractional numbers in the field. The numbers remind the cataloguer of the improper fractions encountered on the bronze coinage of Queen Victoria c.1860-1865 which relate to specific reference points in the coins journeys at the Mint. Though a Festival of Britain Crown pattern, with a mule edge from a Maria Theresa Thaler, also carries a fractional value scratched in the fields, this relates to tonnage of pressure required to strike the die combination and edge. With this gold mule of the Sixpence reverse with the Half-Sovereign obverse we find the numbers at upper left more legible and, as a proper fraction, more likely to refer to tonnage of pressure used to strike obverse and reverse. The two numbers 435 and 500 at the upper left have a distinct gap between them meaning they are not all one number, and the other two numbers at lower right are perhaps a blundered version of the same thing, again with a gap but not so distinct, the 500 is more clear, but the 45 is an attempt to correct perhaps "55" and resembles a K in its blundered hand etching. This is an intriguing piece worthy of further research with the Royal Mint.

1061 Victoria (1837-1901). Silver Proof Florin, 1892. Jubilee bust left. Rev. Crowned cruciform shields, sceptres in angles, garter star at centre, struck en médaille, edge, milled (ESC 875 R6; S 3925). In PCGS holder graded PR64, very attractively toned. *Of the highest rarity, the only specimen we are aware of in commerce.* $ 15,000

According to the J G Murdoch catalogue, Sotheby, 15 March 1904, lot 581 note, this is one of only five struck, four of which were to be placed into a silver plate for Her Majesty, this coin being the only one not in the plate and therefore the only one available to own.

Presumably ex J G Murdoch, Sotheby, 15 March 1904, lot 581 (part)
ex Baron Phillipe de Ferrari la Renotierre Collection, "Nobleman", Sotheby, 29 March 1922, lot 339
ex Mrs E M Norweb Collection (part I), Spink Auction 45, 13 June 1985, lot 286
ex St James's Auction 18, 27 September 2011, lot 452
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Winter 2011, item BM105

1062 Victoria (1837-1901). Bronze Penny, 1865, 9.41g. Laureate "bun" type bust left, no signature below bust. Rev. Britannia seated right with trident and shield, date in exergue, L.C.W. below shield (Fr 50, dies 6+G; Gouby BP1865A; S 3954). Practically as struck with considerable attractive lustre, hairline scratch on bust. *Rare and pleasing.* $ 1,200

1063 Elizabeth II (1952-). Bronze Uniface Decimal Pattern Twopence, 1963, 7.14g, Reverse only design by Christopher Ironside. Britannia seated half-right looking left, holding trident and shield, value 2 below, date in legend, DECIMAL PENCE, beaded border and raised rim surrounding. Rev. Blank, raised rim surrounding, edge plain (Fr 793E; KM TS10). As struck, toned. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,500

ex Property of Christopher Ironside, original designer, Spink Auction 54, 20 June 1986, lot 748
ex Joanna Tansley Collection, DNW Auction, 15 December 2005, lot 423
ex Noble Numismatics, Australia, Auction 100, 24 July 2012, lot 2188
ex A H Baldwin & Sons Ltd, Fixed Price List, Winter 2012, item BM116

1064 Elizabeth II (1952-). Bronze Decimal Pattern Penny or Cent, 1961. Young laureate head right, legend surrounding, toothed border both sides. Rev. EIIR monogram, dual denominations above and surrounding, date either side divides legend, edge plain (Fr 793). In NGC holder graded MS64RB, practically as struck, lightly toned with lustre. *Extremely rare.* $ 1,800

ex The Cheshire Collection, Goldberg Coins Auction 31, 30 May 2005, lot 3302

GREECE

1065 Otto (1832-1862). Silver 5-Drachmai, 1851. Older bust left. Rev. Greek arms with Bavarian shield at centre (Dav 116; KM 36; Divo 11). In NGC holder graded AU58, steel gray toning. *Rare one year type.* $ 3,500

1066 George I (1845-1863-1913) and Queen Olga (Grand Duchess Olga Constantinovna of Russia, 1851-1926). The Birth of Crown Prince Constantine. Copper Medal, 1868, 58.44g, 51mm, by J J Barre. Conjoined busts right. Rev. Royal arms and legend within open wreath. In Paris Mint case of issue (cf Spink auction no.5, 17 May 1979, lot 382, in silver). Struck with a dark bronze patination, choice extremely fine. *Scarce.* $ 250

GUATEMALA

1067 Central American Republic. Silver 8-Reales, 1840/39, NG-MA, 26.98g. Sun over mountains. Rev. Tree, 8 – R (KM 4). Extremely fine, clear overdate on the 0, with some original lustre. $ 800

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1068 Faustin I (1847-1849-1859), Copper Pattern 6-Centimes, 1850, 9.32g. Uniformed bust right. Rev. Crowned arms and value (KM Pn47). Extremely fine with much redness. *Rare.* $ 450

1069 Bactrian and Indo-Greek Kingdoms. Diodotus I (c.250-230 BC). Gold Stater, in the name of Antiochus II, mint A, 8.24g, 19mm. Diademed bust of Diodotus I facing right, dotted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Zeus, naked, striding left, hurling thunderbolt, holding aegis over left arm, at feet, eagle with raised wings standing left, in left field, N, dotted border. Very fine. $ 7,500

1070 Bactrian and Indo-Greek Kingdoms. Diodotus I (c.250-230 BC). Gold Stater, in the name of Antiochus II, mint A, 8.31g, 20mm. Diademed bust of Diodotus I facing right, dotted border. Rev. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Zeus, naked, striding left, hurling thunderbolt, holding aegis over left arm, at feet, eagle with raised wings standing left, wreath left field, dotted border. Extremely fine, no test-cut on the obverse. $ 7,500

1071 Kushan. Kanishka I (c.127-152 AD). Gold Dinar, 7.85g. Caped and crowned Kanishka standing facing, head left, holding ankus over a small altar, left, and a sceptre right, ÞAONANOÞAO KA-NHÞKI KOÞANO. Rev. Oesho (Shiva) standing, four-armed, pouring water from a flask, and holding thunderbolt, trident and a goat, tamgha in field, OHÞO (Göbl type 37, obverse die II, 4). Good very fine. $ 800

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1072 Kushan. Kanishka I (c.127-152 AD). Gold Dinar, 7.86g. Caped and crowned Kanishka standing facing, head left, holding ankus over a small altar, left, and a sceptre right, ÞAONANOÞAO KA-NHÞKI KOÞANO. Rev. Nanashao, standing right with ankus, tamga in right field, NANAÞAO (Göbl 54/3). Good very fine. $ 800

1073 Kushan. Kanishka I (c.127-152 AD). Gold Dinar, 7.91g. Caped and crowned Kanishka standing facing, head left, holding ankus over small altar left, and long sceptre right, ÞAONANOÞAO KA-NHÞKI KOÞANO. Rev. Miiro (Mithra) standing, arm extended, tamgha in field, MIIPO (Göbl 64 / 5). Good very fine. $ 800

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1074 Kushan. Kanishka I (c.127-152 AD). Copper Tetradrachm, 16.59g. Standing king. Rev. Oado advancing left, OAΔO (Göbl 783). Very fine with attractive patina. $ 400

1075 Kushan. Kanishka I (c.127-152 AD). Copper Tetradrachm, 16.65g. Standing king. Rev. Mao standing, tamgha in field MAO (Göbl 801). Very fine. $ 400

1076 Kushan. Huvishka (c.152-190 AD). Gold Dinar, 7.93g. Diademed and crowned half-length bust left, holding mace-sceptre in one hand and the hilt of his sword with the other, ÞAONANOÞAO O-OHÞKI KOÞANO. Rev. Miiro (Mithra), standing left with arm extended, tamgha in field, MIIPO (Göbl 138/6). Good very fine. $ 800

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1077 Kushan. Huvishka (c.152-190 AD). Gold Dinar, 7.96g. Diademed and crowned half-length bust left, holding mace-sceptre in one hand and the hilt of his sword with the other, ÞAONANOÞAO O-OHÞKI KOÞANO. Rev. Goddess Ardoksho standing right, holding cornucopiæ, tamgha in field, APΔOXÞO (Göbl 154 / 7). Extremely fine. $ 800

1078 Kushan. Kipanada (c.330-360 AD). Base Gold Dinar, 7.48g. King standing facing, head left, holding trident and lowering his right hand to altar, above which is a second trident, name below left arm. Rev. Goddess Ardoksho enthroned facing (Mitch ACW 3584). Pale gold, good very fine. $ 200

1079 Sultans of Bengal. Nusrat Shah (AH 925-939; 1519-1532 AD). Gold Tanka, mintless type, 10.6g, 15mm. *Al Sultan bin al Sultan Nasir al Duniya wa al Din.* Rev. *Nusrat Shah bin Husain Shah al Sultan Khald Allah Malkahu* (G&G B795). Extremely fine. $ 2,000

1080 Sultans of Bengal, 'Ala al-Din "Bibban" (AH 938; 1531-1532 AD), Silver Tanka, Husainabad, AH 938, 10.42g, 27mm (G&G B868, this coin). About extremely fine. *Unique and a most desirable addition for any Sultan collection.* $ 4,000

Goron and Goenka list this coin under 'Ala al-Din "Bibban" but also note that the inscription could be a misreading of Firuz, meaning the Tanka could be an issue of Firuz II.

ex John Deyell Collection

1081 Sultans of Delhi. Qutb al-Din Mubarak (AH 716-720; 1316-1320 AD). Silver ½-Tanka, 5.48g, 21mm, mintless and dateless type, G---. *al imam al azam, Qutub al duniya wa al Din Kalifateh dar al alemin.* Rev. *Abul Muzaffar Mubarak Shah Al sultan ibn al sultan al wa shaqallah al amir almomenin* (G&G -, unlisted denomination). Extremely fine, lovely bold strike. $ 3,000

1082 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Tughluq, Sultanpur (AH 725-752; 1325-1351 AD). Gold Adli, Year 733, 9.16g, 17mm. Legend reads *dar al mulk Sultanpur* (G&G D352, date not listed). Extremely fine. $ 1,200

1083 Sultans of Delhi. Ghiyas ud Din, Mahmud bin Muhammad bin Tughluq, Mahmud (AH 752; 1351 AD). Silver Tanka, Year 752, mintless type, 22mm (G&G D456; Rajgor 1234). Good very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,000

The speciality of this coin is the unknown date 752. Previously 752 was only known in Gold with only Year 753 known in Silver. With this coin we have added a new date to the silver coinage of this rare ruler.

1084 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Shah bin Firuz Shah (AH 792-795; 1390-1392 AD). Silver Tanka, 21mm. Abul Mujahid, probably struck by Khizr Khan (G&G D650; Rajgor 1406). About very fine. *Scarce.* $ 1,000

1085 Sultans of Delhi. Mubarak Shah (AH 824-837; 1421-1434 AD). Silver Tanka, 22mm. Legend reads *Fi Zaman al imam al amir al momenin* (G&G D660). Broad flan, about extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,500

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1086 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Bin Farid (AH 837-849; 1434-1445 AD). Silver Tanka, AH 827, 21mm, Abul Mujahid (G&G D671). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

1087 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Bin Farid (AH 837-849; 1434-1445 AD). Silver Tanka, AH 827, 21mm, Abul Muzaffar (unlisted, cf G&G D671 for Abul Mujahid type). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

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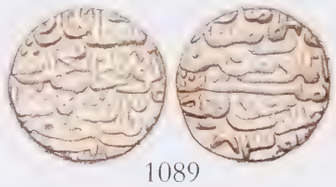

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1088 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Bin Farid (AH 837-849; 1434-1445 AD). Silver Tanka, AH 838, 22mm, Abul Mujahid (G&G D671). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

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1090 Sultans of Delhi. Muhammad Bin Farid (AH 837-849; 1434-1445 AD). Silver Tanka, AH 854, 22mm, Abul Mujahid, posthumus date of Alam Shah (G&G D671). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,000

1091 Sultans of Dehli. Sikandar Shah Suri (AH 961?-962; 1554-1555 AD). Silver Rupee, Agra, Year 962, 11.38g, 26.5mm (G&G D1151). Very fine, with practically full mintname. *Extremely rare.* $ 4,000

All coin types of Sikandar Suri are at least rare. The Rupees usually encountered were struck at Lahore Rupees of Agra are very much rarer, very few being known. The present coin is better than the one illustrated in G&G which only shows a rubbing and is of great importance to any collection of this series.

1092 Sultans of Delhi. Sikandar IV bin Muhammad Shah Suri. Silver Rupee, Year 965, 10.31g, 28mm (G&G MU2, plate coin; Rajgor 1865). Very fine. *This is one of two known specimens of the Sikandar IV the son of Muhammad Adil Suri.* $ 4,000

ex John Deyell Collection

1093 Sultans of Malwa. Muhammad I (AH 838-839; 1435-1436 AD). Silver Tanka, Shadiabad, Year 840, 10.01g, 26mm (G&G M13). About very fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

Muhammad, the eldest son of Hushang shah, the previous ruler, is reported to have been a malignant drunkard who put to death his three brothers and other relatives, while leaving the reins of government in the hands of a second cousin and his son, Mahmud. According to the sources, Muhammad's reign covered the years 838-839, before he was duly done away with. Gold and Silver Tankas of the present type are, however, dated 840. So either they were issued posthumously by adherents of Muhammad or his son, Mas'ud Khan, or Muhammad's reign actually extended into the year 840. All coins of this ruler are at least rare and very difficult to find.

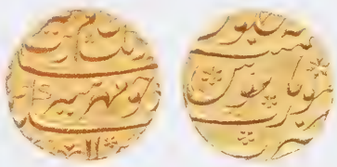
1094 Bahamanis of Deccan. Mahmud Shah. Gold Tanka, AH 893, 11.03g, 24.5mm (G&G BH 120). Very fine. *Rare, it is hard to find dated coins of Mahmud Bahamani.* $ 1,200

All gold coins of the Sultans of Madura are extremely rare. On the present coin this fairly ephemeral ruler calls himself, amongst other things, "the second Alexander", in imitation of the earlier Khilji ruler of Dehli, 'Ala al-Din Muhammad.

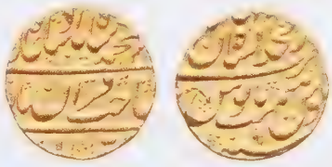
1095 Mughal. Akbar (AH 963-1014; 1556-1605 AD). Gold Mohur, Dar-ul- Khilafat Agra, AH 979, 11g, 21mm. Kalima (KM 106.1). Broad flan, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,200

1096 Mughal. Akbar (AH 963-1014; 1556-1605 AD). Gold Mohur, Dar al-Saltanat Ahmedabad, AH 983, 11g, 23mm. Kalima (KM 108.2). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

1097 Mughal. Shah Jahan (AH 1037-1068; 1628-1658 AD). Gold Mohur, Ahmadabad, AH [10]42, 10.92g (KM 255.1). Clear name and mint, clear regnal year, extremely fine. $ 2,000



1098 Mughal. Aurangzeb (AH 1068-1118; 1658-1707 AD). Gold Mohur, Surat, Year 4, 11.02g (KM 315). Clear name and regnal year, crisp extremely fine. $ 800



1099 Mughal. Muhammad Shah (AH 1131-1161; 1719-1748 AD). Gold Mohur, Dar al-Khilafa Shahjahanabad, AH 113x, Year 9, 10.88g (KM 437.4). Very fine. $ 600

1100 Mughal. Muhammad Shah (AH 1131-1161; 1719-1748 AD). Gold ½-Mohur, Sind, Year 125, 4.50g, 14mm (KM D438.2). Extremely fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 7,000

ex Steve Album

This beautiful coin is a departure from the normal Mughal coins of the period in the sense that it does not bear the *julus* formula. Instead it reads *Al Amir Sahib Al Zaman Zarb Sind.*

Incredibly Rare "Gigantic" Silver 10-Rupees

1101 Mughal. Nawabs of Surat. Shah Alam II (AH 1173-1221; 1759-1806 AD). Silver 10-Rupees, Hijri, AH 1185, Year 6, 115.6g, 45mm. Struck at Surat, in the name of the Mughal Emperor Shah 'Alam II. A large coin of Mughal type, a late successor to the list of large and gigantic Mughal coins. Good very fine. *Incredibly rare, one of the only two known specimens.* $ 300,000

ex The Al-Sayyed Collection, The New York Sale XXV, M&M / Baldwin / Markov, January 2011, lot 380

Large and Gigantic Coins

Accounts of large and gigantic coins go back to the times of the Sultans of Dehli but until now no such specimens of such Sultanate coins have been found apart from a spectacular gold Five Tanka piece of Mahmud I, Sultan of Malwa[1] and a silver Ten Tanka piece of Jalal al-Din Muhammad, Sultan of Bengal, struck at Firuzabad in AH 824[2].

When it comes to Mughal times, more information is available as are some splendid examples of these strikings. It is reported that during the reigns of Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan I and Aurangzeb pieces ranging from 5 to a massive 1000 Tolars were struck in gold and, during the reign of Aurangzeb, large silver pieces too. S H Hodivala, in his detailed article, "Gigantic Coins"[3] discusses the various reports concerning the striking and use of such coins, as, to a lesser extent, does P L Gupta in his article "Gigantic Mughal coins – a review"[4].

Two wonderful examples of these issues, in gold, were offered for sale in 1987[5]. These were a 1000 Mohur piece of Jahangir, struck at Agra in AH 1022 (AD 1613), weighing 11,935 grams with a diameter of 210mm; and a 100 Mohur piece of Shah Jahan I, struck at Lahore in AH 1048 (AD 1638-1639), weighing 1094 grams with a diameter of 95mm. P J Gupta describes and illustrates a 100 Mohur piece of Aurangzeb, struck at Shahjahanabad (Delhi) in AH 1083 (AD 1672-1673), which was exhibited at the Asiatic Society of Bengal some time around 1885. This piece is said to have weighed 35 ounces (c. 990 grams). A huge 200 Rupee piece of Aurangzeb, weighing 2336 grams, was once in the Gotha coin cabinet and apparently sold in 1930. This piece or one very similar was seen briefly in London some years ago but its present whereabouts are unknown. After Aurangzeb, the Mughal Empire quickly went into decline and no more such pieces are reported.

Ever since such issues were known there was uncertainty as to their purpose: were they actually coins and used as such? Were they a form of bullion and storage of wealth? Were they used as *nazrana,* i.e. pieces which individuals had struck for presentation to the ruler; or were they presentation pieces to be used by the ruler or a combination of these possibilities? Hodivala, after reviewing all the evidence comes to the conlusion that they were "massive ingots of artistically stamped bullion given away to ambassadors, diplomatic agents and other distinguished person as complimentary gifts or souvenirs of the Imperial favour and munificence"

Surat – Brief History

Surat is situated in Gujarat on the left bank of the Tapti river. Local tradition states that the present city was founded towards the end of the 15th century. Early in the 16th century it was ravaged by the Portuguese but by that time it had already become an important port of the Gujarat sultanate, whose ruler ordered a stronger fort to be built there. In 1573, the city was captured by Akbar and incorporated into the Mughal empire. In the heyday of the empire, it rose to become one of the most important mercantile centres and ports.

The British first made their appearence at the mouth of the Tapti in 1608 and four years later concluded a treaty with the Mughal governor of Gujarat whereby they were permitted to trade at Surat, Cambay, Ahmadabad and Gogo. This treaty was subsequently confirmed by firman from the Emperor, himself, at Delhi. Surat soon became the seat of a Presidency of the East India Company and continued in that role until the seat was transferred to Bombay in 1687.

Early travellers describe Surat as populous and wealthy, with handsome houses and a great trade. During the busy winter months, lodgings could hardly be obtained, owing to the influx of people. Caravans came and went to Golconda, Agra, Delhi and Lahore; ships arrived from the Konkan and the Malabar Coast; while, from beyond, besides the flourishing trade with Europe, merchants came from Arabia, the Persian Gulf, Ceylon and Acheh in Sumatra. Silk and cotton cloth formed the chief articles of export.

During the reign of Aurangzeb (AD 1658-1707), Surat suffered from frequent Maratha raids but this did not seem to diminish its financial success or importance. After the death of Aurangzeb, the power of the Mughals quickly waned. The Marathas took advantage of this and established themselves virtually up to the walls of the city. By 1724, the local Mughal governor had become more or less independent and became the first Nawab of Surat with the name of Sohrab Khan. His position did not go unchallenged and, in 1733, he gave way to Tegh Bakht (or Beg) Khan. This latter struck a deal with the Marathas sometime during 1735-40 relating to tributes, the outcome of which caused annoyance to the East India Company. After his death in 1746, there ensued a period of struggle for

power, involving not only the local nobility but also the English and Dutch. The next Nawab, Beglar Khan, lasted no more than a year. He was succeeded by Safdar Khan, who appointed his son, Waqar Khan, in charge of the fort. Nizam al-Mulk Asaf Jah then tried to meddle in the affairs of Surat and one of his faction, Mir Muhiyuddin (also known as Miya Acchan) machinated to get rid of both Safdar and Waqar Khan. With the help of the Gaikwads, he became Nawab. This must have occurred in or around 1748. After a year of chaos, Safdar Khan regained the Nawabship and ruled until 1757 or 1758. It is reported that during his rule the fort fell into the hands of the Sidi of Janjira at least for a period.
Safdar Khan was succeeded by Ali Nawaz Khan. Achhan, who had previously fled, now returned and, with Maratha aid, laid claim once again to become the Nawab. His bid was upheld by the mercantile elite of the city. The fort, however, was held by the previous faction, who organised riots in the city. To keep things under control, in 1759 the EIC concluded a treaty with the Marathas, that they (the EIC) would control the fort and sanction the appointment of Nawabs and that the city revenues would be shared between the EIC, the Marathas and the Nawab. This resulted in two power centres in Surat; the fort and the riverside flew the English flag, while the city remained under the Nawab's control. In effect, the EIC became the unofficial string-puller.
Muhiyuddin Miya Acchan died in 1763 and was succeeded by his son, Qutbuddin, who became Nawab under the name of Hafizuddin Ahmad Khan. He reigned until 1790. The last Nawab of Surat was Nizamuddin, the son of Hafizuddin. He ruled 1790-1799. His infant successor died soon after. Nizamuddin's brother, Nasiruddin, became a contender fo the office of Nawab, but after three years of wrangling, the EIC managed to offer him a pension and took control of the city as well.

Surat – Coinage

The coinage of Surat started with a rare issue of square Rupees during the latter part of Akbar's reign. Sporadic issues followed during the reign of his son, Jahangir, the most notable of which is the issue quoting not only his own name but also that of his queen, Nur Jahan. It was the reign of Shah Jahan I, however, that was to see a huge increase in mint production in the city; this started at the beginning of his reign and was to continue throughout the period that the Mughals controlled the city. Surat became one of the most prolific mints in the Mughal Empire, if not the most prolific. Its Rupees were respected for their high quality throughout the realm. Mohurs, too, were struck during this period, though obviously in lesser numbers than the Rupees. Once Mughal control of the city weakened, minting, too, seems to have started to decrease. Whilst the Rupees in the name of Muhammad Shah (AD 1719-1748) remain quite numerous, those struck in the names of later Mughal rulers, i.e. during the time of the Nawabs, are fewer and give the appearance of some debasement. In fact, in 1762, reports showed that many bad Rupees had lately been issued from the Surat mint. Surat was one of the mints that struck both Rupees and Mohurs in the name of the ephemeral puppet ruler, Shah Jahan III (AD 1759-1760). Some of these coins, with the mintname Surat, have dates posthumous to the reign of Shah Jahan III and have different mintmarks. Jan Lingen has suggested that such coins could well have been struck at Bhaunagar[6].
Nawab issues in the name of Shah 'Alam II are by no means common, and tend to be struck on rather dumpy flans which make it difficult to see the Hijri date (usually at the top of the obverse) or even the regnal year. Coins with dates or regnal years corresponding to the early part of Shah Alam II's reign seem to be particularly scarce.

The Present Coin

This Ten Rupee coin is the second known specimen of this issue. The first was published by F D J Paruck in c.1915[7] and was struck from the same dies. The strike is very similar for both coins but there is a small difference in the parts of the legends visible. The earlier coin, which is now believed to be in an Indian Museum, weighed 1,788 grains = 115.86 grams (note the present coin at 115.6 grams), had a diameter of 1.78 inches = 45.2mm (present coin 45mm), and was 0.28 inches thick = 7mm (present coin 7mm).

The coins bear the standard non-couplet legends for Shah 'Alam II, viz:

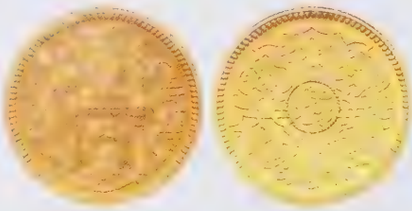
Obv. *shāh ālam bād shāh ghāzī sikka mubārak*
Rev. *jalūs maimanat mānūs arb sūrat*

The obverse has the Hijri date 1185 at the top. The regnal year, 6, is centre right on the reverse above the word *sanah (year)*. The reverse also has a common, flower mintmark for the Surat mint in the letter *sīn* of *jalūs*.
The one odd thing about this issue is that the Hijri date does not match the regnal year of Shah 'Alam II. 1185 should be parts of regnal years 12 and 13 (the Hijri dates and regnal years overlap); regnal year 6 of Shah 'Alam II corresponds to parts of the Hijri years 1178 and 1179. Assuming the Hijri date of 1185 to be the actual date of striking, that corresponds to the period 16 April 1771 to 3 April 1772. Nawab Hafizuddin Ahmad Khan was installed on 14 April 1763 = AH 1177, so his regnal year 6 would bridge the Hijri years 1182 and 1183. This would be closer to the year 1185 but still not a correct concordance. Thus the regnal year 6 could be a "frozen" regnal year of either Shah 'Alam II or the Nawab. Unfortunately too few coins are reported with both clear Hijri date and regnal year to be able to make any sense of the chronological data.
Nor is there any information available that might enable us to determine the reasons for the striking of these coins in that particular year. It is known that, earlier in the Mughal empire, large coins were used to store bullion and to present to ambassadors and other important personages as a token of the ruler's munificence. The court of the Nawab of Surat could hardly compare with the court of the Great Mughals, but the purpose of these Surat pieces could still have been for the same purposes. As stated above, at this time the British were in charge of the fort of Surat and "pulled the strings". Perhaps the Nawab needed some strings pulled and presented these coins to the commander of the fort; or maybe to some Maratha chief. Whatever the reason and the circumstances, the Ten Rupee coin on offer here provides an opportunity to add something really special to any collection of Indian coins.

1) S. Goron & J.P. Goenka: *The Coins of the Indian Sultanates,* New Delhi, 2001, p.434, type M20
2) Idem, p.192, type B340
3) S.H. Hodivala: *Historical Studies in Mughal Numismatics*, Varanasi 1976, pp. 70-75.
4) *Numismatic Diegest,* Vol.IX, 1985, pp. 88-94
5) Sale Catalogue, Habsburg Feldman S.A., Fine Art Auctioneers, Geneva Switzerland, 8 November 1987.
6) Jan Lingen: "Bhaunagar, also a mint for gold and silver?" in *JONS* 200, 2009
7) Furdoonjee D.J. Paruck, "Unpublished Mughal Coins", Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Numismatic Supplement XXIII, p, 18

1102 Mughal. Shah 'Alam II (AH 1173-1221; 1759-1806 AD). Silver Rupee, Ahmedabad, Year 28, 11.06g, 22mm. Struck near Delhi, probably at Ghausgarh, by Rohilla, chief Ghulam Qadir. (KM 482). Very fine. *Rare.* $ 5,000

1103 Princely States. Karauli. Manak Pal (AH 1186-1219; 1772-1804 AD). Gold Nazarana Mohur, Karauli, 10.70g, 28mm. Struck in the name of the Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II, dated twice with Year 26 and AH 1199 (AD 1784/5). Persian couplet citing *Jalal al-Din 'Ali Jawhar Shah Alam II*. Rev. Mint formula citing Sawai Jaipur Mint and date (KM -; Fr -; Jan Lingen, *A Nazarana Mohur of Karauli,* ONS Newsletter 202, 2010, p.40). Very fine, ex-jewellery. *Extremely rare, one of only ten known.* $ 1,500



1104 Hyderabad. Pattern Silver-gilt Ashrafi, AH 1328, 25mm. Chahar Minar gateway. Rev. Persian legend. In NGC holder graded PF65. *Rare.* $ 5,000

ex The Gardener Collection, St James's Auction 14, 30 September 2010, lot 658 (part)

1105 Hyderabad. Pattern Silver-gilt ½-Ashrafi, AH 1328, 20mm. Chahar Minar gateway. Rev. Persian legend. In NGC holder graded PF64. *Rare.* $ 5,000

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1106 Hyderabad. Pattern Silver-gilt ¼-Ashrafi, AH 1328, 16mm. Chahar Minar gateway. Rev. Persian legend. In NGC holder graded PF65. *Rare.* $ 3,000

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1107 Bombay Presidency. Pewter Rupee, 1678, 8.01g. The RUPEE OF BOMBAIM, by AUTHORITY OF CHARLES THE SECOND in three lines, two roses below. Rev. Crowned Royal shield of arms, KING OF GREAT BRITAIN FRANCE AND IRELAND (Pr 22, described as a "Curious piece"). Very fine for issue, slightly wavy planchet, some metal pest. *Very rare.* $ 2,000

1108 Bombay Presidency. Copper Double Pice, 1783, 10.12g. Balemark. Rev. Crown, BOMB 1783. (Pr 109). About very fine for issue, strong reverse but very weak on the top half of the obverse. *Scarce.* $ 150

Pridmore questioned this with the comment "Forgery?". However, the date is quite well struck and if this coin is condemned as a counterfeit based on this characteristic it would mean that almost all 1773s should be considered counterfeit too.

1109 Bombay Presidency. Tin "bag seal", 1739, 2.14g. Balemark with barred "I". Rev. "R" over the date, 1739. Heavy tin pest but very fine for issue. *Scarce.* $ 600

Pridmore suggests that this curious piece is probably a bag seal and not intended for currency. The example that Pridmore references is from is the Parsons sale in 1954, lot 894. It fits into the size of the "Tinny" of 1672-1716, but no other coins of this date for any of the denominations are known. No records seem to indicate what the "R" stand for.

1110 Bombay Presidency. Tinny, (16)77, 2.14g. Balemark of the Governor and Company of The Merchants of London, GCE. Rev. Large numerals "77" (date not in Pridmore, cf Pr 227). Pleasing very fine with only a touch of pest. $ 600

1111 East India Company. Bengal Presidency. Gold Mohur, Murshidabad (Calcutta), fixed date AH 1202, Year 19, 12.35g, 26mm (Pr 62; KM 103). Extremely fine. $ 500

1112 British India. Bengal Presidency. Gold Heavy Mohur, Murshidabad (Calcutta), dated AH 1202, Year 19 of Shah Alam II (struck 1819), 13.24g, 27mm. Couplet in five lines, AH date in lower field, mint secret mark present. Rev. "Struck Murshidabad year 19 of reign associated with prosperity" in Arabic. Edge. Straight grained (Pr 77; KM 112). Extremely fine. $ 1,200

1113 British India. George VI (1936-1952). Silver Rupee, 1938, 11.70g. With dot (KM 555). Extremely fine. $ 120

1114 The Bengal Presidency Rifle Association. Silver Medal, c.1887, 93.97g, 55mm, by Messrs Pinches, an unissued specimen. Lioness on a plinth to left, on which N.I.R.A., 1863-1886. Rev. Central tablet. In maroon leather Pinches case of issue (Pudd [I] 960.6). Mint state. $ 350

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1115 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (65-86h). Gold Dinar, no mint (Damascus), 80h, 4.20g (A 125; Bern 42). Good extremely fine. $ 1,000

1116 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (65-86h), Gold Dinar, no mint (Damascus), 86h, 4.26g (A 125; Bern 43). Brilliant uncirculated. $ 1,200

1117 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (65-86h). Silver Dirham, Dasht-i-Maysan, 79h, 2.77g (Klat 318). Very fine. $ 2,500

1118 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (65-86h). Silver Dirham, Junday Sabur 81h, 2.80g (Klat 236). About extremely fine, light scrape in obverse field. *Rare.* $ 450

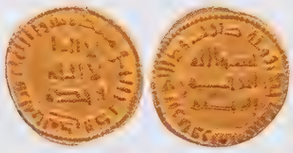
1119 Umayyad. *temp.* al-Walid I (86-96h). Gold ⅓-Dinar, no mint, 91h, 1.44g (A1276) A few scuffs, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 950

1120 Umayyad. *temp.* al-Walid I (86-96h). Silver Dirham, Irminiya 95h, 2.84g (Klat 49). Good very fine. $ 300

Earliest Umayyad Post-Reform Dinar, Very Rare

1121 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Umar II (99-101h). Gold Dinar, Ifriqiya 100h, 4.18g (Bern 44 Ca, one reference). Good extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 65,000

This is the earliest Umayyad post-reform Dinar struck in Ifriqiya, probably in the city of Qayrawan in Tunisia, in 100h. Although it is a full Dinar, its legends are identical to those found on the ½-Dinar denomination from Syria.



1122 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Umar II / Yazid II. Gold Dinar, Ifriqiya 101h, 4.21g (Bern 44 Ca). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 26,000

1123 Umayyad. *temp.* 'Umar / Yazid II. Silver Dirham, Kirman 101h, 2.92g (Klat 532). Lightly toned, uncirculated. $ 150

1124 Umayyad. *temp.* Yazid II (101-105h). Gold Dinar, Ifriqiya 102h, 4.26g (Bern 44 CA). Very fine. *Very rare.* $ 25,000

Rare Umayyaed Fractional Dinar

1125 Umayyad. *temp.* Yazid II (101-105h). Gold ⅓-Dinar, al-Andalus 102h, 1.46g (Bern 46 Aa). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 25,000

Very Rare Umayyad Dinar

1126 Umayyad. *temp.* Hishamz (105-125h). Gold Dinar, Ifriqiya 114h, 4.26g (Bern 43 Ca). Metal defect on the obverse at 3 o'clock, otherwise good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 60,000

1127 Umayyad. *temp.* Hisham (105-125h). Silver Dirham, al-Mubaraka, 107h, 2.51g. Chain border. Rev. Pelleted border in place of usual annulets (Klat 570). Attractive patina, good very fine. *Rare.* $ 2,500

1128 Umayyad. *temp.* Hisham (105-125h). Silver Dirham, Ifriqiya, 107h, 2.86g (Klat 94). Deposit and some scratches, otherwise good fine. *Rare.* $ 2,000

1129 Umayyad. *temp.* Marwan II b. Muhammad (127-132h). Silver Dirham, al-Bab, 128h, 2.83g (Klat 154). Good very fine. *Scarce.* $ 700

1130 Abbasid Revolutionary. Anonymous. Silver Dirham, al-Rayy, 129h, 2.61g (Klat 409). A little porosity, good fine. *Rare.* $ 1,250

1131 Abbasid. al-Mutawakkil (232-247h). Gold Dinar, Makka 234h, 4.11g (A 229.1 for type but an unrecorded mint and date for the caliph). About fine, ex-mount. *Extremely rare.* $ 6,000

ex Baldwin's Islamic Coin Auction 16, 20 October 2009, lot 285

The worn condition of this coin suggests a long period of wear by previous owners who probably valued it highly for the religious significance of its mint name.

Very Rare Makka Mint Gold Dinar

1132 Abbasid. al-Musta'in (248-251h). Gold Dinar, Makka 249h, 4.14g (Bern 161 Ef, one reference). Weakly struck, very fine. *Very rare.* $ 45,000

1133 Abbasid. al-Muktafi (289-295h). Gold Dinar, al-Basra 293h, 3.99g (A 243.1). Very fine. *Rare.* $ 3,500

Very Rare Antakiya Mint Gold Dinar

1134 Abbasid. al-Muqtadir (295-320h). Gold Dinar, Antakiya 305h, 3.83g (Bern 242 Ga, Abbasid, one reference). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 20,000

Bernardi records Dinars struck at the mint of Antakiya in the years 301h, 304h, 305h, 306h and 308h.

1135 Abbasid. al-Muqtadir (295-320h). Gold Dinar, al-Rafiqa 299h, 3.41g (A 245). Extremely fine. $ 5,000

High Grade 'Aththar Mint Gold Dinar

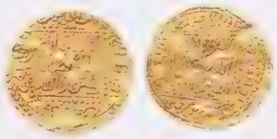
1136 Abbasid. al-Muqtadir (295-320h). Gold Dinar, 'Aththar 319h, 2.76g (Bern 249 Eo, one reference). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 14,000

1137 Abbasid. al-Muttaqi (329-333h). Gold Donative Double Dinar, Madinat al-Salam 329h, 8.69g, citing Abu Mansur (A -; cf A 256 for type). About extremely fine, small scuffs. *Rare.* $ 9,500

1138 Amirs of 'Athar. Abu'l-Hasan 'Ali b Muhammad (fl 368-370h). Gold Dinar, 2.75g (A D1070). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 6,000

1139 Dhu'l-Nunid of Toledo. al-Zafir Isma'il (c.423-435h). Gold Fractional Dinar (Toledo), 0.48g (A 395; Prieto 313a; CC 57). Good very fine, good gold for issue though irregular flan. *Scarce.* $ 1,500

ex Caballero de Las Indias, part III, Aureo & Calico Auction, 21-22 October 2009, lot 1420



1140 Muwahhidun (Almohad). Abu'l 'Ula Idris II (665-668h). Gold ¼-Dinar, without mint or date, 1.14g (A 495; Vives 2087; Hazard 530; CC 123). A little crimped, very fine. *Rare.* $ 600

1141 Hafsid. Abu'l 'Abbas Ahmad II (first reign, 755-758h). Gold Dinar, no mint, undated, 4.64g (Hazard 608). Slightly double struck, good very fine *Rare.* $ 500

1142 Ziyanid. Abu-'Abd Allah Muhammad IV (first reign, 827-831h). Gold Dinar, Madinat Tilmsan, undated, 4.44g (Hazard 663; A 518). About extremely fine, a little weak on the borders. *Very rare.* $ 750

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1143 Fatimid. al-Mu'izz (341-365h). Gold Dinar, al-Mansuriya 364h, 4.03g (Nicol 428). Very fine. $ 300

1144 Fatimid. al-Hakim (386-411h). Gold ¼-Dinar/Tari, mint off flan, 399h, 1.01g. Very fine. $ 150

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1145 Fatimid. al-Mustansir (427-487h). Gold Dinar, Sur 442h, 3.42g (Nicol 1922). Good very fine, a little weak in parts. $ 400

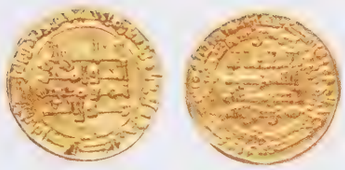
1146 Fatimid. al-Mustansir (427-487h). Gold ¼-Dinar/Tari, Sur 481h, 1.38g (Nicol 1948, two recorded). Very fine. *Extremely rare.* $ 500

1147 Fatimid. al-Amir Abu 'Ali al-Mansur (495-524h). Gold Dinar, al-Mu'izziya al-Qahira, 520h 4.23g (Nicol 2562). Extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 4,000

1148 Merinid. Abu-'Iman Faris (749-759h). Gold Dinar, Madinat Fas, undated, 4.48g (A 531). Good very fine. $ 500

1149 Bahri Mamluk. al-Ashraf Abu'l-Fath Musâ (649-650h). Gold Dinar, al-Qahira 649h, 5.08g (Balog, *Coinage of the Mamluks,* 3). Good very fine. *Very rare.* $ 3,000

All coins in the name of al-Ashraf Musâ II were actually struck by the Mamluk ruler Aybak who used the Ayyubid Musâ as a formal justification for his own *de facto* rule, while Musâ was really a son of al-Ma'sud Yusuf, the last Ayyubid ruler of the Yemen. The legends on this coin, however, make out that he was a son of al-Salih Ayyub, the last effective Ayyubid ruler of Egypt behind whose authority Aybak manipulated the ephemeral six-year-old puppet ruler, Musâ. While this coin is entirely Ayyubid in its form and legends it is emphatically one of the first Mamluk issues.



1150 Rassid (First Period). al-Hadi ilâ'l Haqq (284-298h). Gold Dinar, San'a' 288h, 2.82g (A 1065). About extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 2,500

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1151 Rassid (First Period). al-Nasir li-din Allah (301-325hh). Silver Sudaysi, San'a', undated, 0.47g (A 1068). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 300

1152 Ziyadid. 'Ali b. al-Muzaffar (fl.430s-440h). Gold Dinar, Zabid 4xxh, 2.38g (A 1072). Extremely fine. $ 150

1153 Wajihid. Yusuf b. Wajih (314-332h). Silver Dirham, 'Uman 328h, 2.63g, with heir Muhammad b. Yusef (A 1161). Extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

1154 Mukramid. Nasir al-din 'Ali. Gold Dinar, 'Uman 420h, 4.92g (A 1164). Outer legends weakly struck, extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 1,000

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1155 Ottoman Empire. Suleyman I (926-974h). Gold Sultani, Sidreqapsi, 926h, 3.40g (Pere 186). Very fine. $ 250

1156 Great Seljuq. Malik Shah (465-485h). Gold Dinar, Naysabur 477h, 3.63g (A 1674). About extremely fine. $ 300

1157 Buwayhid. Abu Kalijar (fl 432h). Gold Dinar, 'Uman 432h, 6.56g (TR Um 432g; A 1578D). About extremely fine. *Very rare.* $ 1,000

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1158 Ilkhans. Ghazan Mahmud (694-703h). Gold Dinar, Tabriz 699h, 4.25g (Diler 281; A 2170). Good very fine. $ 450

1159 Ilkhans. Uljaytu (703-716h). Gold Dinar, mint illegible, 71xh, 4.97g. Probably a contemporary Anatolian copy (A 2186). Extremely fine. $ 400

1160 Zand. Karim Khan (1166-1193h). Gold ½-Mohur, Isfahan 1184h, 5.39g (A 2789). Very fine. $ 250

ITALY

Rare Naples 6-Ducati of 1760

1161 Italian States. Naples. Ferdinando IV (1759-1825). Gold 6-Ducati, 1760-CC R. Youthful bust right, FERDINAND.IV. D. G. SICILIAR. ET HIER. REX. Rev. Crowned arms, HISPANIAR. INFANS. 1760, with C/R - C. at sides of arms and D - 6 below (Fr 846; CNI vol. XX, XXI, 6; KM C75). In NGC holder graded MS63+, needle sharp strike with semi-prooflike surfaces, has the appearance of a presentation strike with nearly flawless fields and flashy original mint lustre. *Very rare two year type.* $ 4,000

1162 Papal/Roman States. Benedict XIV (1740-1758). Gold Zecchino, 1749-IX. Holy Mother Church seated on cloud. Rev. Radiant dove above Papal arms (Fr 231; KM 943). In NGC holder graded MS64, lovely original example with brilliant fresh mint lustre. $ 1,000

(image reduced)

1163 Renaissance. Niccolo Piccinino (1380-1444), Condotiere. Cast Bronze Medal, 272g, 86.5mm, by Antonio de Pucci, called Pisanello (c.1394-1455). Bust left in plated armour, wearing tall cap, NICOLAVS PICININVS VICECOMES MARCHIO CAPITANEVS MAX MARS ALTER. Rev. The She-griffin of Perusia suckling two infants, the condotiere Braccio da Montone and Piccinino, BRACCIVS PISANI P OPVS N PICININVS, PERUGIA on the griffin's collar (Arm I, 7/21; Kress 4; Pollard 4; Syson & Gordon 3.37a, b; Baldwin's Auction 64, Hall collection, lot 2). An old aftercast of good quality, from a pierced specimen, some tooling, very fine. $ 3,000

1164 Renaissance. Gianfrancesco Enzola (active 1455-1478). Francesco I Sforza (1401-1466), 4th Duke of Milan. Cast Bronze Medal, 45.41g, 42mm. Bust right in plain armour, FR SFORTIA VICECOMES MLI DVX IIII BELLI PATER ET PACIS AVTOR MCCCCLVI, VF across field. Rev. Greyhound seated under tree, hand issuing from the clouds reaches to touch it, IO FR ENZOLAE PARMENSIS OPVS (Hill, Corpus 281; Arm I, 44/6; Kress 92; Pollard 135). An extremely fine contemporary cast with brown patina, trace of acquisition number. $ 1,500

ex Michael Hall Collection, Baldwin's Auction 64, May 2010, lot 74

(image reduced)

1165 Renaissance. Follower of Francesco Francia, Bernardo de' Rossi (1468-1527). Bishop of Treviso (1499), Governor of Bologna (1519-1523). Bronze Medal, 129.22g, 65mm. Bust right wearing biretta and mozzeta, BER RV CO B EPS TAR LE BO VIC GV ET PRAE. Rev. Female figure (Peace?), holding flower, standing in a car drawn by a dragon and an eagle, OB VIRTVTES IN FLAMINIAM RESTITVTAS (Hill 612; Arm II, 105, 19 and III, 32, F; Kress 187; Pollard 209; Toderi/Vannel 1345). A very fine contemporary cast, drill-pierced, brown patina. $ 800

ex Michael Hall Collection, Baldwin's Auction 64, May 2010, lot 56

1166 Renaissance. Giovanni Bernardi da Castelbolognese (1496-1553). Commodus, after the Antique. Struck Bronze Medal, Rome c.1535, 75.34g, 41mm. Bust right, within laurel border, M ΚΟΜΟΔ ΑΝΤ ΑΥΓ ΙΜΠ. Rev. Lion attacking stag with a building of two columns containing a figure behind, ΦΟΕΛΙΚΙΤ ΑΥΓ (Attwood 930; P Attwood, *Giovanni Bernardi and the question of medal attribution in 16th Century Italy, Perspectives on the Renaissance Medal* (New York, 2000), fig.11; IM 93). Fine, an original stuck medal. $ 1,500

The attribution to Bernardi is made by Attwood, and based on the use of laurel wreaths, along with exact similarity between the depiction of the lion and stag on the reverse to that present on an engraved rock crystal by Bernardi (Donati, Castel Bolognese, pp.68-69; Attwood figure 9.7).

1167 Renaissance. Giovanni Bernardi da Castelbolognese (1496-1553). Commodus, after the Antique. Cast Bronze Medal, Rome c.1535, 36.92g, 38mm. Bust right, within laurel border, ΜΚΟΜΟΔ ΑΝΤ ΑΥΓ ΙΜΠ. Rev. Lion attacking stag with a building of two columns containing a figure behind, ΦΟΕΛΙΚΙΤ ΑΥΓ (Attwood 930; P Attwood, *Giovanni Bernardi and the question of medal attribution in 16th Century Italy, Perspectives on the Renaissance Medal* (New York, 2000), fig.11; IM 93). An extremely fine original cast with olive patina, cabinet wear to highest point. $ 800

ex Michael Hall Collection, Baldwin's Auction 64, May 2010, lot 101

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1168 Renaissance. Pastorino de' Pastorini (1508-1592). Lodovica Felicina Rossi. Cast Uniface Bronze Medal, 30.29g, 52mm. Bust right (Kress 329). Very fine, a cut-down version of the medal with considerable age. $ 250

1169 Renaissance. Unknown artist. Aelius Caesar (136-138 AD). "Paduan" Bronze Medal, 22.90g, 34mm. Bare headed bust right, L AELIVS CAESAR. Rev. Emperor addressing group soldiers, SC (BN -; Kress -). Of considerable age, extremely fine. $ 250

ex Michael Hall Collection, Baldwin's Auction 67, September 2010, lot 2298

MEXICO

1170 Ferdinand VII (1813-1833). War of Independence. Silver 4-Reales, 1814 MR, G^ – Guadalajara, 13.09g. Large laureate bust right. Rev. Crowned arms (Cal 718; KM 102.2). Good very fine. $ 300

Popular 'Hooknecked-Eagle' 8-Escudos 1823

1171 Republic. Gold 8-Escudos, 1823-Mo JM, type I. Hooknecked-eagle left, holding looped snake. Rev. Hand holding Liberty Cap on staff, over open book, cap points to A (Fr 63; KM 382.1). In NGC holder certified "About Uncirculated, Details (Polished)", a sharply struck example with some evidence of cleaning. *Rare one year type.*

$ 7,500

This is the first gold coin to be issued by the new Republic.

MONACO

1172 Louis I, Grimaldi (1662-1701). Silver Ecu (Scudo), 1666, 26.44g. Draped bust to right. Rev. Crowned shield of arms (MIR 462/1; Dav 4308; KM 37.2). Harshly cleaned surface but essentially very fine, tiny edge cut by E of MONOECI. *Rare.* $ 7,500

NETHERLANDS

1173 William III (1650-1702), later King of England, 1689. Silver Commemorative Medal, 1657, 31.12g, 48mm, by Gurian Pool. Child bust right wearing plumed hat. Rev. Legend in eight lines below cord (vL II, 423/409). Choice extremely fine. *Rare.* $ 3,000

Following the Peace of Westminster, the Act of Seclusion forbade the Dutch to appoint any member of the House of Orange a Stadtholder. William was finally appointed in the "Disaster Year" of 1672.

1174 The Escape of the Dutch Fishing Fleet, under the auspices of Jacob van der Windt. Silver Medal, 1780, 11.75g, 31.5mm, by Adrian van Baerll. A small cutter, the *Red Rose*, sailing to right, pursuing ships in distance. Rev. Legend in 13 lines (Betts 574; vL supl 579; Ford XIV, 234). Choice extremely fine. $ 700

ex Schulman Auction, 7 November 1991, lot 1299

Following the Netherlands joining the League of Armed Neutrality, the British promptly captured some 200 Dutch merchant ships carrying considerable cargo valued at 15 million Gulden. Jacob van der Windt however, escaped capture.

1175 Elizabeth II (1952-). Aluminium Bronze Trial 2-Dollars, 1985, 8.76g, 26mm, struck at the Royal Australian Mint. Crowned bust right. Rev. Arms, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT TESTING around below (KM unlisted). Mint state. *Very rare.* $ 1,200

1176 Elizabeth II (1952-). Aluminium Bronze Trial Dollar, 1985, 7.51g, 22mm, seven sided, struck at the Royal Australian Mint. Crowned bust right. Rev. Arms, R.A.M above, TEST on either side (KM unlisted). Mint state. *Very rare.* $ 900

1177 Elizabeth II (1952-). Cupro-nickel Pattern Dollar, 1986, 27.47g, struck at the Royal Mint. Crowned bust right. Rev. The reverse of the 1984 Dollar, Chatham Island black robin (KM 54 for reverse type, pattern unlisted). Prooflike mint state. *Very rare.* $ 1,800

1178 Elizabeth II (1952-). Cupro-nickel Pattern 50-Cents, 1986, 13.54g, struck at the Royal Mint. Crowned bust right. Rev. HMS *Endeavour* (KM 63 for type, pattern unlisted), together with a currency piece for comparison. The Pattern with some light marks, otherwise mint state. *Very rare.* (2) $ 1,500

The Pattern differs from the currency coin, having no rigging to topsails and with water ripples below ENDEAVOUR.

1179 Elizabeth II (1952-). Bronze Pattern Cent, 1982, 2.10g, struck at the Royal Mint. Diademed bust right. Rev. Fern around 1 (KM unlisted), together with a currency piece for comparison. Some marks, lightly toned, mint state. *Very rare.* (2) $ 900

the bust of the Queen is by James Berry

PARAGUAY

1180 Republic. Copper 4-Centavos, 1870. Star. Rev. Value (KM 4.1). In PCGS holder graded MS63 BN. $ 100

PERU

1181 Republic. Silver 8-Reales, 1855, Lima mint, MB, 24.45g. Liberty standing. Rev. Arms (KM 142.10a; El 166). Some softness in striking, nearly extremely fine. $ 225

POLAND

1182 Michael Korybut (1669-1673). Gold 2-Ducats, undated, Thorn, 6.31g. Laureate and draped bust right. Rev. City view under the Eye of Providence, arms of the city below dividing the letters HD and L (Hutten-Czapski 2397; F 66). In NGC holder certified "AU DETAILS MOUNT REMOVED REPAIRED". *Very rare.* $ 5,000

SOUTH AFRICA

Rare 'Fine Point Beard' Gold Pond

1183 Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek. President Thomas François Burgers (1872-1877). Gold Pond, 1874. Fine point bearded bust left, date below. Rev. Flag-draped oval arms, banner below, eagle above (F 1; Hern B1; KM 1.2). In PCGS holder certified "XF Details, Mount Removed", good very fine, a very nice example. *A rare issue.* $ 12,500

ex St James's Auction 9, 18 June 2008, lot 860
ex St James's Auction 16, 7 December 2010, lot 680

SWEDEN AND NORWAY

1184 Oscar Fredrik, Duke of Östergötland (later Oscar II, 1829-1872-1907). Sulphide Cameo Portrait, 113.91g, 69mm, by Baccarat, c.1850s. Uniformed bust to right, set in circular clear pressed glass plaque, radiating lines from centre, star border. Gilt metal suspension clasp and ring. Choice and much as made. *Very rare.* $ 2,000

Oscar Fredrik was a naval officer having been commissioned a junior Lieutenant in July 1845, after entering the navy at the age of eleven. The portrait was possibly made in 1857 to celebrate his marriage to Princess Sophia Wilhelmina, youngest daughter of Duke William of Nassau.

SWITZERLAND

1185 Basel. Silver 2-Thalers, undated. City arms surrounded by eight shields. Rev. Double eagle in border (Dav 1740; Dav & Son 586; KM 72; Divo 85). In NGC holder graded AU55, toned. $ 3,500

1186 Bern. Silver Prize Medal (Sechzehnerpfennig), undated (c.1742), 88.72g, 57.5mm, by Jean Dassier. Bear standing on military trophies, holds shield and Liberty Cap atop sword. Rev. Felicty stands by plinth, with fasces, sword and sceptre, stork and owl to either side (Eisler S 102, 15; Leu 631). Extremely fine. $ 300

1187 Zürich. Silver Thaler of 40-Batzen, 1813, 29.33g. Wreath-topped shield of arms. Rev. Legend and date within wreath (Dav 366; Divo 33; HMZ 1172). Good extremely fine with attractive blue/green tone. $ 350

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1188 Rhode Island. Bronze Ship Token or Medal, 1778-1779, 8.07g, 32mm, unsigned (perhaps of Dutch origin). Map of Aquidneck, Rhode Island, depicting American forces retreating from three British ships. Rev. Admiral Howe's flagship right, wreath below (Betts 563; Breen 1139; Eimer 783; KM Tn27a). Good very fine. *Rare.* $ 1,200

1189 Germany. The Peace of Aix-La-Chapelle (Aachen, Westphalia). Copper Medal, 1748, 32.47g, 44.5mm, unsigned. Personification of the City stands by obelisk, PACATI GLORIA MVNDI. Rev. Circle of eight laureate shields, NON SINE NVMINE DIVM (MI 648/348; Menadier 40; vL 278; Julius 2198; Ford -). Choice extremely fine with full mint redness. $ 400

1190 Germany. The Peace of Aix-La-Chapelle (Aachen, Westphalia). Copper Medal, 1748, 31.42g, 44.5mm, unsigned. Peace stands by altar before the temple of Janus, war scene to right, peaceful landscape to left, BONA IAM PERACTIS IVNGITE FATA. HOR. Rev. River God of the Rhine passes wreath to that of the Po, ET MIHI ET TIBI (Menadier 42; Pax 565; MI -; Ford -). Choice extremely fine with full mint redness. $ 600

1191 France. Louis XV (1715-1774). The Peace of Aix-La-Chapelle (Aachen, Westphalia). Bronze Medal, 1748, 29.39g, 41.5mm, by F Marteau and J Roettiers. Bust right, hair tied with riband. Rev. Peace seated under canopy with trophies and emblems around her, SALUS GENERIS HUMANI (MI 649/350; Menadier 27; Divo 143; Pax 574; Ford XIV, 12). Extremely fine. $ 400

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5.3. Except where Condition **5.2** applies, any part of the Purchase Price outstanding after the Auction shall be payable by you within 14 days of the date of the Auction, the due date.

5.4. The Purchase Price is payable by you in cash in full in US funds. You are not entitled to set-off any amounts that you claim are due from us or anyone else or make any other deductions.

5.5. Unless we have agreed in writing otherwise, you shall act on your own account as principal in respect of the sale and therefore if you accept a commission from a third party to bid on their behalf, you do so at your own risk and will remain personally liable (jointly with your principal) to us for the Purchase Price in accordance with these Conditions.

5.6. The methods of payment and surcharges are set out below.

5.7. If the Purchase Price has not been settled within 30 days of the Auction date interest will be charged at 2% per month from the due date of payment to the date that cleared funds are received whether that is before or after any legal judgment. This is without prejudice to any other rights that we have for non-payment.

5.8. If you fail to comply with your obligations under these Conditions, the Lot, in respect of such non-compliance, may at our discretion be put up for sale at Auction or privately and resold. In this case, you will be liable in full and will indemnify us for all losses, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and legal costs) incurred as a result, including the costs of the resale and the amount (if any) by which the Hammer Price obtained on the resale is less than the Hammer Price obtained on the original sale of the Lot to the Buyer.

6. RISK, TITLE AND DELIVERY

6.1. The risk of damage/loss to the Lot will pass to the Buyer on the fall of the hammer. Title in a Lot will not pass to the Buyer until the Purchase Price has been paid in full.

6.2. Unless agreed by us, you should collect the Lot within 7 days of the date of payment in full. We reserve the right to charge for storage and to resell by Auction or privately without notice to you, if a Lot is not collected. Alternatively, we will send the Lot to you by recorded post. Postage and insurance costs will be charged as additional costs.

6.3. Except in relation to Forgeries, you must satisfy yourself that the correct Lot has been delivered to you at the time of collection/delivery. We will not be responsible for any discrepancy which might be discovered after the Lots have been collected. If we have shipped the Lot to you, we will not be responsible for any discrepancies if you fail to notify us within 24 hours of receipt.

6.4. It is the Buyer's responsibility to obtain any necessary import, export or other licences required in relation to a Lot.

7. GUARANTEE FOR FORGERIES

7.1. Auctioneer is a member of the International Association of Professional Numismatists and in accordance with the conditions of membership, shall provide a guarantee to the Buyer for all Lots against Forgeries on the terms set out in these Conditions ('Guarantee').

7.2. For the purposes of these Conditions, a 'Forgery' means an imitation that has been created with the fraudulent intent to deceive in respect of the authorship, origin, date, age, period and the correct description does not correspond with the description in the Catalog and as a result has a value significantly less than it would have been had it been genuine.

7.3. You must notify us in writing within one (1) month of you becoming aware that the Lot may be a Forgery. The Lot must be returned to us in the same condition as at the time of sale and you must submit evidence that the Lot is a Forgery, the onus being on you to prove that it is a Forgery.

7.4. You acknowledge that:

(a) we reserve the right to re-assess the Lot or engage at our expense any expert or authority considered by us at our sole discretion to have the necessary expertise to undertake a re-assessment of the Lot;

(b) following our re-assessment of the Lot, you agree to be bound by our decision as to whether or not the Lot is a Forgery.

7.5. You shall not be entitled to a refund for a Forgery if:

(a) the grounds for claiming that the Lot is a Forgery is based primarily on a difference of opinion between us and a third party providing coin grading services;

(b) the grounds for claiming that the Lot is a Forgery is by reason of any damage and/or restoration and/or modification work of any nature;

(c) the description of the Lot in the Catalog was in accordance with generally accepted opinions of numismatic specialists as at the date of publication or the catalog indicated that there was a conflict of opinion.

(d) it has been proved that the Lot is a Forgery by applying a method that was unavailable or not generally applied within the industry of numismatics as at the date of publication of the catalog or was disproportionately expensive, in both cases as determined in our absolute discretion.

7.6. If we agree that the Lot is a Forgery then subject to:

(a) you being able to confirm in writing that you can transfer legal and beneficial title to the Lot to us or as directed by us free from all encumbrances or third party claims of any nature; and

(b) the exclusions in Condition **7.7**,

then the sale of the Lot will be rescinded so that it is cancelled and we will refund the Purchase Price to you in full.

7.7. Your right to return the Lot and receive a refund of the Hammer Price under the Guarantee is your sole remedy against us, our agents and sub-contractors and/or the Seller for a Forgery. You will not be entitled to claim interest on the amount due to you. Neither we, our agents or sub-contractors nor the Seller shall be liable for costs, expenses, damages or any other liability however it arises relating to a Forgery.

7.8. In accordance with the restriction in Condition **10.2**, the benefit of the Guarantee is personal to the original Buyer and is not transferable to a new owner of the Lot or any other person.

8. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY AND WARRANTIES

8.1. Except where these conditions expressly state otherwise, no warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is given to a buyer concerning a lot and each lot is sold "as is" and as shown with all faults, imperfections, errors of description (including authorship, origin, age, size, condition or value) or lack of authenticity or genuineness and neither we nor the seller nor any of our agents or sub-contractors will be liable for any damages, costs, expenses or any other liability arising out of the same whether or not caused by negligence. The auction is not an approval sale.

8.2. Except as provided in **6.3**, any claims for adjustment other than authenticity must be made in writing within seven (7) days after delivery of the goods. No Lots may be returned without our written permission. It is the Buyer's responsibility to have the Lots fully insured while in his possession. Our maximum liability under these Conditions is the amount of the Purchase Price paid by you.

8.3. Neither we nor any of our agents or sub-contractors shall be liable, whether in tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), contract, misrepresentation or otherwise:

(a) for loss of profits or business, depletion of goodwill and/or similar losses; loss of contracts; or

(b) any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, exemplary or pure economic loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses.

8.4. We shall not be liable to you or be deemed to be in breach of these Conditions by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of our obligations in the Conditions, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond our reasonable control.

8.5. Nothing in these Conditions excludes or limits our liability for any matter which it would be illegal for us to exclude or attempt to exclude under New York law or for our fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

9. DATA PROTECTION

9.1. By agreeing to these Conditions, a Bidder acknowledges and agrees that we will use personal information of a Bidder for the purpose of the Auction and ancillary matters, including providing a Buyer's personal details to any other person where necessary to enforce our rights under these Conditions.

10. GENERAL

10.1. These Conditions and the Seller's Conditions constitute the entire agreement between us and supersede all other agreements, understandings, warranties and representations concerning the subject matter hereof. All other terms, warranties and representations, express or implied by statute or otherwise are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law. No variation to these Conditions shall be legally binding unless agreed in writing by us.

10.2. All rights and benefits granted to a Bidder under these Conditions are personal to him and may not be assigned or in any other way transferred to any other person. Any such assignment or transfer will be invalid and unenforceable against us.

10.3. A notice required or permitted to be given by either of us to the other under these Conditions shall, in the case of a Bidder, be to the last address notified to us and in the case of Auctioneer, shall be to the registered office of Auctioneer.

10.4. No failure or delay by us in exercising any of our rights under these Conditions shall be deemed to be a waiver of that right, and no waiver by us of any breach of these Conditions by you shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

10.5. We may perform our obligations and exercise our respective rights through any of our group companies or assign our rights under these Conditions.

10.6. If any provision of these Conditions is held by any court or other competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, the validity of the other provisions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected.

10.7. These Conditions, as well as the Buyer's and our respective rights and obligations hereunder, shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. By bidding at the Auction, whether in person, by agent, Commission Bid, telephone or other means, the Buyer shall be deemed to have consented to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of, and the federal courts sitting in, the State of New York.

11. INTERPRETATION

11.1. In these Conditions:

'**Auction Agent**', '**Auctioneer**', '**us**' or '**we**' means A. H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd., Dmitry Markov Coins & Medals, M&M Numismatics Ltd., and Ira & Larry Goldberg Coins & Collectibles Inc.;

'**Bidder**' and '**you**' means a person making, attempting to make or considering making a bid for a Lot including a Buyer;

'**Buyer**' means the person who makes the highest bid for a Lot which is accepted by the auctioneer and if the person is acting as an agent, will be a reference to its principal only if Auction Agent has accepted the agency in writing;

'**Catalog**' means a catalog, price list or other publication or price list;

'**Commission Bid**' means an instruction from a Bidder to us to bid on their behalf at the Auction;

'**Conditions**' means these conditions of sale and any other additional terms notified to Bidders in writing in a Catalog or otherwise (which includes notices displayed at the Auction) or as agreed in writing between Auction Agent and the Bidder;

'**Hammer Price**' means the amount of the highest bid for a Lot accepted by the auctioneer;

'**Including**' or '**include**' mean including without limitation and include without limitation, respectively;

'**Lot**' means any item deposited with us for sale at auction including items described against any Lot number in a Catalog;

'**Purchase Price**' means the Hammer Price plus Buyer's Premium and New York sales tax, where applicable;

'**Reserve**' means a confidential price below which the Auctioneer will not sell a Lot or will re-purchase on behalf of the Seller or for the account of Auctioneer. Unless otherwise specified at the time of Lot consignment, this will be set at approximately 80% of the Lot estimate at complete discretion of the auctioneer;

'**Seller's Conditions**' means the terms and conditions of sale between Auction Agent and a Seller for the sale of a Lot as displayed in the Auction room, on our website or available from Auction Agent.

11.2. Headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

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